Rittman Elementary PTO-

Meeting Minutes for 2/21/2012:

In attendance- Tracy Smith, Amy Fitzgerald, Laura Brainard, Kristine Robinson, Lisa Reich, Nadine Burd, Tammy Wilson, Rebecca Bowelry

**Principal’s Report:**

Electric sign out front of the school has been fixed.

March is a very busy month at RES with many upcoming events; Mrs. Nicholas went over everything- please check the RES website for any upcoming events.

Over $2,000.00 was raised for Pennies for Patients

Concerns were raised to Mrs. Nicholas regarding the Middle/ High School students at the time of dismissal and them using the entrance/ drive of the Elementary School to walk down while leaving their school. The parent pointed out that it is very congested there and with the added children walking down the middle of the drive it makes it difficult to maneuver. Mrs. McNicholas reported that she would follow up with the principal of the Jr. Sr. High.

Another concern was raised regarding the crossing guard situation on Metzger. Some parents were concerned that the crossing guard was not out there enough and children were crossing themselves and another voiced concern that the sign is not used properly when they are crossing children, holding it down at their waist. Traffic congestion was also made aware to Mrs. McNicholas as being a concern and she suggested contacting the Rittman Police Department who hire the crossing guard and possibly asking them to have a cruiser up at the school at the time of dismissal.

**Market Day:**

Four students from the 8th grade came to help out this month and $266.08 was raised. A discussion started regarding more help needed for Market Day and possibly having the 4th grade class help out/ parents and students since all of the money and then some being raised from Market Day goes to the 4th grade Field Trip which is completely funded by PTO. It was suggested that each 4th grade room assign a total of four parents and four children to help out one time per month. It would mean that each class would have to help out two times per year. It was also suggested that the PTO ask people within the community that are retired to help out. At this time there is no set or consistent volunteer and help being needed has been stressed for some time. PTO would like to continue Market Day, but help is needed for one hour per month. PTO will pose the idea for the 4th grade class next year. Please e-mail RES PTO for any other ideas you may have for helping out with Market Day at res\_pto@yahoo.com

**Upcoming Events:**

Movie Night will be held in April- date to be announced

**Voting for new PTO officers will occur in April**. The Treasurer position will be vacant for next year, so please consider volunteering your time as a PTO officer.

Looking for parents to head up snacks for 4th grade field trip. E-mail the PTO if you can help out.

Thanks to everyone who donated for the parent/ teacher conferences- the meal was great.