

Candia Parent Teacher Organization General Membership Meeting Minutes Tuesday December 2, 2008

Call to Order: The President Elect called the meeting to order in the music room of the Henry W. Moore School at 7:10pm. An attendance list is available.

Colonial Craft Day: Mrs. Gleason explained that Colonial Craft Day is part of the 4th grade social studies curriculum where students will rotate stations; making candles, stencils, games, riddles and songs of the time. There is a worksheet and assessment when completed. The kids get to keep any crafts made. Mrs Gleason needs \$150 - \$200 to make this day happen. Judi Lindsey motioned that PTO support the day with \$200. Nancy Maloney seconded the motion and a vote was unanimous.

Empty Bowls: Mrs. Gleason would like to do this program with the 7th grade class. The kids would create pottery bowls and serve dinner (using their new bowls) as part of this international program. Initially they would serve the staff and the staff members would each pay \$10 for their meal. All the money raised will go to the food pantry. The students have already created the bowls and Nancy Fraher will help them learn how to serve, manners and etiquette. Mrs. Gleason needs help with the ingredients and paper goods for this event. Denise Smith made a motion that PTO sponsor Empty Bowls with a \$100 donation. This motion was seconded by Judi Lindsey. A unanimous vote was in favor of spending \$100.

Art Work: Mrs. Gleason would love to turn students' art work into gifts. This would work great for either Mother's Day or fall fund raiser. Mrs. Gleason will look for a company that would work with us and check into the profit margin. She would also be willing to help with a fund raiser at the March Curriculum night; selling current kids' art work or former students' artwork to raise money for the playground. There was a discussion of selling Mums in the fall for a fund raiser. Mrs. Gleason and Denise Smith will look into more information for us.

Movie Night: Kung Fu Panda was shown on Nov. 14th and raised \$122.45 for the PTO. The PTO bought the movie and then raffled it off. The next movie night is supposed to be Dec 12 but that is BJ's shopping night. We have decided to cancel the movie night for Dec. A reminder that the 2nd Friday of each month is Family Chess Night at Smyth Library.

Craft: Some parents were not receiving the permission slip for the crafts so it was suggested that the craft be mentioned in Mr. Lewis' newsletter, put the info and permission slip on the website as well. Make up a calendar to keep on the PTO website of the upcoming events. Tami will coordinate this with Catherine Sangillo, who is working on the website.

Directory: Directories were sent home with students already. It was suggested that all staff, esp specials teachers, receive copies.

Mat: This gift to the school will be presented to the administration at the December 4th school board meeting.

Boxtops: The current box top competition will continue through Dec. 15th. This is a classroom

competition and the winning class will win a holiday party.

Hannaford Dollars: We have received about \$531 in Hannaford Dollars this fall. This event will end Dec 4th and all receipts must be turned in by Dec. 14th

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report. We have not received the bill for the fall fund raiser yet.

The rest of the meeting was spent wrapping gifts for the Holiday Gift Shop which will take place Dec. 9, 10 and 11. We are still looking for volunteers to help at this event.

The meeting ended at 7:50pm.

The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday February 3rd, 2009.

The PTO will be hosting an Open Forum on Thurs January 22nd to answer questions about the 2009-2010 proposed school budget. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Littlefield and School Moderator, Ron Thomas will be present to answer questions.