

Candia Parent Teacher Organization General Membership Meeting Minutes Tuesday January 13, 2009

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order in the music room of the Henry W. Moore School at 7:00pm. An attendance list is available.

BJ's Sponsorship: Kris Pouliot thanked Danielle Salvetti of BJ's for their sponsorship and for her donations of time and energy. Last Friday was the Candia shopping night at BJ's and we had about 70 kids there.

Read Across America: Mary Hogan stated that RAA will be held March 2-6. This is an NEA (National Education Assoc.) sponsored event. We will have a guest author, Marty Kelley, who was here 6 years ago. He will present 4 different times to grades k-6. The cost is \$950 for the 4 presentations. Last year we had a budget of \$500 and did not use any of the funds. Other ideas for RAA include Poem in Your Pocket, Rock-a-thon, guest readers, host Dr. Seuss birthday party, get caught reading, book bingo, door decorating contest and milk and cookie night. Milk and cookie night will be held Wed. March 4th. Tami Baker proposed spending \$1000 on RAA. Rhonda Thyng seconded the motion. A vote ensued; \$1000 to RAA.

Public Input: Catherine Sangillo showed us the work she has been doing on the PTO website. The site is linked from the school and Mr. Doster uploads the changes she is making. She is willing to include all flyers/ permission slips and calendars on the website. Catherine will email the website to the board for review. Thanks for a great job, Catherine.

Movie Night: Next movie night will be Horton Hears a Who on Thurs January 15th. We will have pretzels, popcorn, water and juice, courtesy of BJ's. Starts at 7pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Open Forum: PTO will be hosting an open forum on Thurs Jan 22 at 7pm in the gym. The purpose of the forum is to inform people how the school board arrives at the school budget and how deliberative session works. Guest speakers will be Dr. Littlefield and Ron Thomas, school moderator. Daycare will be offered for free for the open forum. We will send home a factual sheet describing the budget committee school budget with students on Jan 16th.

Craft: Next craft sessions will be held after school on February 10 and 11. We will be doing hand print mittens, pink paper plate monsters, doily cards and decorate sugar cookies. A question was brought up about what we offer to the 3-5 grade students??? There will be a karaoke night sponsored by Molly Sanseverino for that age group.

Holiday Gift Shop: This was a very successful event this year. Next year we will use Dollar Store items and try to recruit local artisans. This year we asked for items from Reindeer Lane geared to what the kids could afford and we did mark prices down to a fair price.

Secretary's report: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as written.

Fund raiser: An idea for a fund raiser was donated by BJ's. They gave the PTO tulip bulbs. The idea would be to plant the bulbs in potting soil (provided by BJ's) in white tubs (provided by BJ's) and have the kids paint the tubs. Nancy Maloney took the bulbs and will store them. Need to research how to do this most efficiently. Thanks to BJ's for the donation of the tulip bulbs and the proposed donation of potting soil and plastic tubs.

Candia Woods: We still have a deposit at Candia Woods and discussed hosting a wine and cheese event there. The following people were mentioned as contact people: Candia Vineyards: Bob Dabrowsky, Mr. St Cyr's friend; wine taster and liquor dealer: Russ Seward's daughter.

Assemblies: Nancy Maloney invited everyone to attend the 2 upcoming assemblies: middle school students listening to music and the words within, puppetry for the younger grades.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday March 3, 2009.