

**Candia Parent Teacher Organization
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

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

Tulip Bulbs donated by BJs: Nancy Maloney explained that the bulbs might not bloom due to the fact that they've already grown about 1". If they freeze now; however, we may have luck with them in the fall. It was noted that maybe we can still use the bags for possible raffle holders or silent auction holders at our wine tasting event at in October. By the way, we received \$155.00 from BJs' membership drive. We are considering another membership drive for this spring.

Wine & Cheese Event: We discussed a date for this event to be held at Candia Woods, and it was agreed that postponing it until October would provide better results. Local vineyards are going to be contacted, we will have raffles and silent auctions, and Candia Woods informed us that we would be able to bring our own appetizers. We would still need to get a license from the state and show proof of insurance.

New PTO Website: A big thank you goes out to Catherine for all her hard work updating the PTO Website. She's still looking for any more information we may want to provide her with. For example, budget, minutes, newsletters, calendar, etc. Kris stated that she would get all that information to her by Feb. 13th. The PTO was also hoping there might be a way to have a feedback section. It would go up to 250 characters and only be seen by the board members.

Box Tops: The current box tops competition will end on Feb. 20th. Each student who enters at least one sheet of boxtops will be rewarded with 1 free bag of popcorn. Four webkinz will be going out to the students with the 4 highest boxtop totals!

Campbell Soup Labels: This project is thankfully being taken over by Denise Smith. As of today, we have approximately 27,000 points. If we can collect 3,500 more by June of this year we will receive 700 points free!

Grants for Playground: Sharon DeWitt said she'd be willing to put a letter of inquiry together with questions on what they're funding priorities are, what they fund, etc. There are different possibilities out there such as Lowe's Toolbox for Education or the Hunt Foundation. However, this has to be done through the school; therefore, she will contact either Mr. St.Cyr or Mr. Lewis regarding getting school letterhead. If we get approval, Sharon will "run with it".

Milk & Cookies Night: This year, milk & cookies night will be on March 4th. We'll order milk through Sandy and ask bakers to bring cookies. The PTO will provide plates & napkins. There will be a separate area for cookies without peanut products.

Open forum: The PTO received a lot of positive feedback regarding the Open Forum. Any misinformation will be corrected by Kris and Emily with the Hooksett Banner. There should be another article appearing in the Banner prior to the day of voting.

Deliberative Session: Again, we are offering free babysitting for the deliberative session and there will be a letter explaining the daycare situation going home in the Friday Folders. We will be asking for donations of snacks and will order pizza if meeting goes through lunchtime. The PTO will also be offering coffee, bagels, muffins, etc. for the meeting.

Movie Night: On Thursday, Feb. 12th we will be showing Madagascar 2: Escape to Africa. Emily will purchase a movie so we can raffle it off. Last month we made \$119.00! Pretzels, popcorn, water, and juice boxes are offered at a low fee and admission is always free!

Craft: We still need volunteers for this month's craft days. We are looking at different valentine's crafts with decorating a gingerbread cookie as one of them. Everything needed will be provided and the children will be taking the cookies home in a ziploc bag! The craft activities are scheduled for the 10th and 11th of Feb. after school.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled until next month's meeting.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was accepted as written. The meeting ended at 8:30 and the next scheduled meeting is March 3rd.