

Candia Parent Teacher Organization General Membership Meeting Minutes Tuesday April 7, 2009

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

Fundraiser: There were several samples of fundraisers available for tasting. Joe Corbi's was a hit; buy a pizza kit for 3 pizzas for \$18. If you order 11 items, you get a free tub of cookie dough. They have the crayola colored cookie dough. We would like to do the fundraiser in Sept. This company has a refrigerated truck and will make phone calls to remind people to pick up their items. We would like to entertain the thought of doing pies for Thanksgiving and administration is on board with this. If people did not pick up their pies, they would be donated to the food pantry. The board will need to make a decision in May. Emily was going to look into the Entertainment books which you can sell as a fundraiser. They offer great coupons and go Nov. 1- Oct 31st.

Agriculture Day: Agriculture Day is scheduled for May 6 (rain date of May 7). Mrs. Maloney needs help preparing the lunch for the presenters but the staff will be bringing in lunch.

Mother's Day/Father's Day: The PTO offers a photo gift each year for Mother's and Father's Days. This year we will do a bookmark. Emily will begin working on something to share at the next meeting.

Teacher Appreciation Week: PTO will be celebrating our great staff during Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8th. Mon: Breakfast, Tues: Stop and Write for 15 min, Wed: Women's Club, Thurs: Girl Scouts, Friday: lunch. We will ask for donations for the breakfast and lunch to keep costs minimal. Students will write 2 cards on Tues, one to their homeroom teacher and one to their specials teacher that they have that day. Special education students may choose to write to their special ed teachers.

Turn Off TV Week: This is April 20-24th. We have a craft scheduled for Tues/Wed. The balloon program with Sean McDaniel did not work out. Perhaps we look at doing it on May 29th for another day in June.

BJ'S: The school will hold a second membership drive in May with \$5 from each application going to the playground fund. The drive will end on May 8th.

Movie Night: PTO will show "Bolt" on Friday May 8th at 6:30pm. We will open at 6pm and serve pizza. We will also offer drinks and popcorn.

Spirit Day: Spirit Day will be June 11 (rain date June 12). We are hoping for donations from BJ's and we will have an old fashioned field day. We will have a planning meeting on Monday May 4 at 3pm. Perhaps we will have a Hawaiian theme?

Boxtops: Emily will start another class contest. The winner will earn an ice cream or pizza party or extra recess time. She will take Campbell Soup labels as well but they do not get taped to the forms. We need to put signs up at the dump requesting people to save Boxtop and Campbells.

Elections: Next year Emily will be President, following her year as President Elect. We will have the following positions to fill: President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. Perhaps we use a mass email from Mr. Lewis and announce the positions and date of elections in June. If any by laws were to be changed, the proposed changes need to be posted one month ahead.

Public Input: Catherine Sangillo requested us to send any new forms to her for updating the website. She also wanted to clarify what the charities are that PTO supports: Road for Hope, PBIS and boy scout charter. She will add a volunteer opportunity box on the website.

Dick Snow suggested that we make becoming PTO a 501(c)3 a priority. He wondered if people believed having a school resource officer is of concern to parents. He believes it would offer more protection and visibility.

Candia Woods: We are working on a Wine and Cheese Tasting Event at Candia Woods in the fall (Nov 6). The \$750 deposit will pay for appetizers and the facility rental will be free.

Event Wrap Ups: Movie Night we broke even but had low turn out. Tulip bulbs have been donated by BJ's and the 5th grade class will plant and sell them to raise funds for a field trip to Boston. Ice Cream from Tech Night brought in \$120 which was donated to the playground fund. All our supplies were donated by BJ's.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as written. We have earned \$1100 from Hannaford Dollars. We need to write checks for Candia Dollars for Scholars (\$1000). We also have Spirit Day budgeted for \$550 and Agriculture Day for \$500. The Drama club would like some supplies and we expect them to ask in June. We can delete the Walmart grant from the budget.

The meeting ended at 8:33pm.

The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday June 2, 2009.