

CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by the PTO President at 7:04 PM on September 9, 2009 in the music room of the Henry W. Moore School.

ATTENDEES:

An attendance list is available.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Brief Explanation of the PTO: A brief explanation of what the PTO is all about was explained at the beginning of the meeting. \$50.00 teacher reimbursements, scholarships for field trips, 6-7 movie nights per year, Popcorn Tuesday, After School Crafts, Dollars for Scholars, School Gifts (mat at front entrance, school sign, defibrillator), and Spirit Day were highlighted.

Fall Fundraiser – Joe Corbi: K-4 kickoff assembly will be held this Friday in order to inform the students on the safety of selling the fundraiser. The fundraiser booklets will be sent home in the Friday Folder.

Art to Remember: Money received from this fundraiser will fund the Artist In Residence program. It will be held for the K-4 students, with an option for older students. The students will create an item in art class that will be turned into products that parents can buy. Cost ranges from \$5-20 and includes such items as t-shirts, mugs, and mouse pads. Items will be returned by Christmas so they will make great Christmas presents. Information will be sent home late September, early October.

Wine Tasting Event: The wine tasting event will be held November 6 at Candia Woods. Candia Vineyards will provide the wine. Theme is “Swing to the Moon”. There will be a silent auction, live music (quartet), cash bar, coffee, appetizers, and desserts. We will sell 100 tickets and cost is \$25.00/person. We are hoping to find a beer vendor.

Movie Night Schedule: Movie nights will be: September 25, November 20, January 22, March 26, and May 21. September 25th movie will be “Hotel for Dogs”. Movies will start at 6:30PM. We will sell only popcorn and drinks. We can not sell pizza this year as the kitchen warmer is not available. Ms. Lindsey suggested telling students to bring their own water bottles to ‘stay green’.

Afterschool Craft Schedule: Crafts will be: October 20/21, December 15/16, February 9/10, April 20/21. They will be held after school from 3 – 4:30PM.

Box Tops Contest: Emily requested some ideas for the contest winners. Suggestions included Barnes & Noble gift certificate or Webkinz.

Directory: Student Directory Forms were sent home to students and Catherine is collecting and inputting the data. Directory will be available in early October.

Website: Website is up-to-date. A fundraiser page may be added at a later date. Please let Catherine know if you’d like to add anything to the website.

Public Input:

- **Eco-Fundraiser:** Ms. Lindsey brought up an idea for a fundraiser through a company called TerraCycle. All items sold are recycled, such as circuit board coasters, vinyl record wall clock, etc. It is too late to include this as a PTO fundraiser.
- **Unified Arts Field Trip:** Ms. Maloney requested \$200.00 for a 4th grade unified arts field trip to help pay for the school bus trip. The students will take a field trip around Candia to learn more about our town including the Fitz museum, old library, monument, cemetery, school house, stone walls, etc. The end result will be a book produced by the students. Each department (art, library, technology, PE) will play a part in this venture. A motion was made to fund \$300.00 for this field trip. The motion was accepted.
- **Recycled Items:** Ms Lindsey mentioned that the school recycles ink cartridges, cell phones, drink pouches, energy bar wrappers, wide mouth yogurt containers. The school receives money from these recycled items.
- **Online Math League:** Ms Lindsey notified us that she is organizing the online math league for grades 3-6. The PTO funds this event.
- **James Brennan:** A motion was made to give \$50.00 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in memory of James Brennan. The motion was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14 at 7PM in the music room.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Sangillo