

**CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
October 14, 2009

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**OPENING:**

The meeting was called to order by the PTO President at 7:07 PM on October 14, 2009 in the media center of the Henry W. Moore School.

**ATTENDEES:**

An attendance list is available.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**FIRST Lego League/Robotics Team:** Members of the FIRST Lego League/Robotics team (herein referred to as FLL) gave a presentation about their team, the Technochicks. The Technochicks are an all-girl team based in the Moore School. Girls aged 9-14 can be involved in the FLL. The FLL is a great learning experience. It teaches the girls how robots work, how to work together as a team, and how to gather and share their ideas. Kris Kelso, a former Moore School student and an adviser for the Technochicks, also spoke. Research has shown that an all-girls team in middle school leads to more girls becoming involved in the robotics club in high school. The girls need money for registration and materials in order to enter tournaments. A motion was passed to give the Technochicks \$200.00. The motion was accepted.

**Moore School Playground:** Mrs. Angela Markley gave a presentation about the Moore School playground. The Playground Fund currently consists of \$15,000.00. The playground will be done in 3 phases. Mrs. Markley hopes to have phase I installed in November. She has been working with Robert Pettinelli, a Vermont-based company, who will install the playground. For phase I, Pettinelli offers a 30 % discount as well as free shipping. Mrs. Markley solicited ideas from the audience and encouraged people to speak to her if they would like to become involved in the planning of the playground. The playground plan and its progress will be available on the school website soon.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**Fall Fundraiser – Joe Corbi:** Results of the Joe Corbi fundraiser will be available soon. Parents will need to pick up their order on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 -6:30 pm at the school.

**Art to Remember:** Money received from this fundraiser will fund the Artist In Residence program. Packets will be sent home in the next few weeks. Information for dates and deadlines will be posted on the PTO website as they become available.

**Wine Tasting Event:** The wine tasting event will be held November 6 at Candia Woods. Candia Vineyards will provide the wine. 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 have found a beer vendor and will have 5 different types of beer. The proceeds made from this event will be split 50/50 between the PTO sponsored programs and the Playground Fund.

**Afterschool Craft Schedule:** The Afterschool craft will be held on October 20 and 21 from 3 – 4:30PM in the Art room. Snacks will be provided. Children will make a scarecrow pin, a handprint turkey and a place mat. We are looking to volunteers for help with this craft.

**Directory:** Directory is almost complete. We are waiting for the pictures of staff and teacher and should

receive these soon. Printing, binding and delivery can be started once the pictures are received.

**Website:** Website is up-to-date. Please let Catherine know if you'd like to add anything to the website.

**Public Input:**

- **Fundraiser Ideas:** Tara Landry can get Monarch tickets for the silent auction. She also offered some ideas for fundraisers.
  - “March Madness Calendar”: Tickets are sold for \$5.00. For each day in March, someone wins a prize. Prizes (donations solicited from local businesses) can be gift certificates for bowling, the space center, etc. A Manchester school made \$10,000 doing this fundraiser.
  - Bingo and Poker Fundraiser: Ms. Landry has contacts to host this type of fundraiser. If we are interested, please let her know.
- **Blood Drive:** Ms. Maloney mentioned that there will be a blood drive on November 3rd from 12 to 5 in the Moore School gym. Pasquales is providing the food. She may ask the PTO for water and/or desserts but is pursuing other options right now.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer’s report was accepted as printed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10 at 7PM in the media center.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Sangillo