

CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2009

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by the PTO President at 7:04 PM on November 10, 2009 in the media center of the Henry W. Moore School.

ATTENDEES:

An attendance list is available.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Wine Tasting Event – Wrap Up: Our net was \$7200.00. It was an excellent night! Classy, fun, well-attended...a fun night out in our own town and we made money for the school as well! We will give \$3600.00 to the playground fund. We solicited audience to give feedback for next year's event: Provide more seating, hard to hear music on other side of room, food was excellent.

Movie Night – Friday Nov 20th: Popcorn and water will be sold for 50 cents. Movie is Hotel for Dogs. Emily will make a flyer to send home in Friday Folders.

Holiday Gift Shop: We will use Dollar Store to purchase all gifts. The Gift Shop will only be 2 days this year. It will be Dec 8, 9 or 10. The PTO will donate some money to allow kids in need to buy gifts. Kris, Emily and Denise will do the shopping.

Afterschool Craft Schedule: The Afterschool craft will be held on December 15 & 16 from 3 – 4:30PM in the Art room. Snacks will be provided. Children will make a snowman paper plate, wreath with candy canes, and stockings or stars. We are looking to volunteers for help with this craft during the event.

Fall Fundraiser – Wrap Up: The Joe Corbi's fall fundraiser did not go as well as anticipated. It was difficult to deliver the goods at the afternoon pickup, plus the percentage that the school makes is not as great as we had thought. We will use a different company next year. We may do a spring fundraiser, instead of a fall fundraiser, since parents may be inundated during the early months of school. Spring may be a better time. Ideas suggested were candles and bulbs. The fundraiser committee will talk about ideas and options.

Art to Remember: Orders have been mailed to the company. We mailed \$3000.00 worth of goods; not sure of our return as of yet. Ms. Gleason may do a survey to parents to get their feedback.

Playground Installation: Ms. Markely notified Emily that the playground will be installed next week! The company will send 5 volunteers; the school needs to provide 5 volunteers. The PTO will provide lunch for the volunteers.

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 will be updated after this meeting. Please let Catherine know if you'd like to add anything to the website.

Public Input:

- **Literacy Night:** Michelle Blum mentioned the idea of a Literacy Night. This night would consist of 3 events, about 20 minutes per event: a game, an art project, and a book reading. We could sell pizza in order to provide an easy night out for parents and kids. The PTO loved this idea. We may do this during the Turn Off TV week. Due to this discussion, we decided to host a **Holiday Story Hour** with cookies and milk. Tami will look into dates for this.
- **Add a Swap to next Dinner Event:** Michelle Blum mentioned that it might be a good idea to host a coat swap or book swap at the next spaghetti dinner. This might gain more attendance and get more parents involved.
- **ImNotAClown Fundraiser:** Tami will find out if ImNotAClown is interested in doing the balloon fundraiser. Last year's event was cancelled due to inclement weather.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report (meeting minutes of 10/14/2009) was accepted as printed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9 at 7PM in the media center.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Sangillo