

CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2010

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by the PTO Vice-President on April 14, 2010 in the media center of the Henry W. Moore School.

ATTENDEES:

An attendance list is available.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Barnes and Noble Book Fair: The Book Fair is scheduled for April 17th. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to sign-up to man the registration table in shifts between 10am-4pm. On Friday, Tami will go into Barnes & Noble to hang artwork. She'll send an email if you she needs help that Friday.

Movie Nights: Movie Night will be May 21st and the movie is "The Princess & The Frog". A member has the DVD and she will let us borrow it for the evening. We are going to sell hot dogs, juice, popcorn and water. Catherine will check with Kris P. to see if she can set up the projector.

After School Craft: The after school craft is scheduled for April 20, 21. About 30 kids have signed up for each day. Catherine will email for volunteers. Kris will take care of the food.

Mother's/Father's Day Gifts: We need two cameras and two tripods. Emily and Tami have cameras, as well as Jodi. We are working on backdrops: Tami will bring a dark blue blanket; Jodi a crème sheet; and Cheryl a white sheet.

5K Road Race: The 5K is scheduled for May 22nd.

- We need registrants! Let your friends know about it.
- We have advertised with flyers, ads in Hooksett Banner, Forum and online sites, gyms, Runners Alley website, plus much more.
- 5K website is: <http://cms.k12.nh.us/PTO/5K/>.
- Friday Folders: Catherine will send registration forms home in Friday Folders.
- Sponsors: We have \$700.00 in sponsors. 2 more are pending. They are: Bergeron Chiropractic, Beyond Basic Massage & Bodywork, LLC., Merchants Automotive Group, Coppola Physical Therapy, Vanguard Dental Group, Shaw's Hooksett, Hannaford Supermarket, Derry Sports & Rehab, LCC. Additional sponsors to solicit: GSCU, NLP Fitness.
- Goodie bags: Toothbrushes, coupon from Modell's and Olympia Sports, flyers from Shaws and Hannaford, pens from Beyond Basic Massage.
- Food/water:
 - Congregational church/Jessington Remington will do ½ water station
 - Post race refreshments: Kris P. will get goodies, Stoneyfield is providing yogurt, the Girl Scouts will man the water table.
- Cheryl is looking into having people donate used sports equipment, clothing, running shoes that will be donated to local Manchester schools.

- Volunteers: We will need 20-25 volunteers the day of the race. We'd like to have 2 people at each intersection to direct runners and traffic.
- **Team Weeks Program:** For the 5K, we signed up for Modell's Team Weeks program. Each race packet will contain a 15% off coupon for 5/21/2010 – 6/17/2010. If our organization spends a minimum of \$500 then we will receive a 5% donation. We were given 500 coupons so we will send these coupons home in the Friday folders.

Gift Card Fundraiser: Several PTO members have been looking into options for this and we have decided to use Great Lakes Scrip Center. This program will allow parents to buy gift cards to participating stores (like LLBean, restaurants, gas cards, etc.) and our school will receive a percentage of the proceeds. The school will get 2% (1% will go to Candia PTO and 1% will go to student's account or family). We are targeting the end of the school year to get this into place so that it is up and running by the start of the next school year.

Talent Show: Mrs. Morenz has asked the PTO to provide baked goods for the Talent Show. The Talent Show will be held on May 15. Catherine will send an email to the PTO bakers to request the baked goods. No nuts!

Spirit Day: Spirit Day is scheduled for June 10. Rain date is June 11.

Wine Tasting: The Wine Tasting fundraiser will be held at Candia Woods on November 5th.

Open Board Position – President Elect: Position is open! Perhaps the Treasurer position as well.

Website: Website is up-to-date and includes all events thru the end of the year.

- Permission slips for Mother/Father Day gifts and After School crafts are online; as well as all info sent home for the Book Fair. Voucher number is 10152585.
- We have a separate 5K website. Registration is open now.

School Calendar: The PTO will be allowed to enter events into the new school calendar. Catherine has the login information.

Teacher Appreciation: Teacher Appreciation week is May 3 - 7. Tentative schedule is:

- Monday: Breakfast
- Tuesday: Thank you notes from the students to their teachers
- Wednesday: Chocolate treats for teachers, provided by Candia Community Woman's Club
- Thursday: Open
- Friday: Lunch (We will serve salad, sandwiches and desserts). We can ask members to donate salads and desserts.

Public Input / New Business

- **PTO Forum:** The Candia PTO is considering hosting a forum that other PTOs could attend to share ideas, comments, etc.
- **PTO New Member Social:** An idea was suggested to have a 'new member' social in the fall to solicit new members, energize old members, etc.
- **Artist in Residence:** Jeff Warner, a musician and story-teller, will be our artist-in-residence from June 14 – 18. On April 21, he will visit the school to talk to teachers and staff.
- **Artist in Residence:** Jodi has a contact for a Native American duo. She will find out more

information.

- **Blue Ocean Society:** The 7th grade is going on a field trip for an ‘ocean clean-up’ with the Blue Ocean Society. Mrs. Lindsay is looking into having Blue Ocean Society do a workshop at the school. She will find out more information.
- **Candia Town Wide Yard Sale:** The CCWC is organizing a town-wide yard sale on June 5th. To register, check out the www.candiawomansgroup.org website.
- **Candia’s Community Calendar** – There is a new community calendar that the CCWC is sponsoring. The Candia PTO will be able to post PTO events such as the B&N Book Fair and 5K Road Race. The website <http://www.candiawomansgroup.org/calendar/>
- **Minds In Motion:** Minds In Motion provides academic challenge and school-wide enrichment for the students at the Moore School. This is a math and reading program for grades 3-8. It has 3 tiers. To find out more about this program, go to the Minds In Motion website at: <http://www.homeworknow.com/hwnow/gethw.php?id=121433>
- **Field Trip Budget:** There is still \$1900.00 available for field trips. If this money is not used by the end of the year, we are considering alternatives, such as ½ to go to Playground Fund.
- **Candia’s 250th Celebration:** The Candia Semiquincentennial Committee is having an information meeting on Thursday, April 29 at 7PM in the town hall. Share your ideas and start thinking of ways you or your organization can contribute to this 250th celebration of Candia! Contact Ron or Linda Thomas at 483-8189 for more information.
- **Thank you note from Mrs. Soucy’s class:** Mrs. Soucy’s class wrote a very nice thank you note to thank the Candia PTO for their Barnes & Noble gift certificate that they won for the Box Top competition. They bought two books on Rocks and Minerals.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Secretary’s Report: The secretary's report (meeting minutes of 03/10/2010) was accepted as printed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12 at 7PM in the media center.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Sangillo