

CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2012

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Sharon Dewitt.

ATTENDEES:

An attendance list is available. Seven people were in attendance.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

ArtSonia.com: Ms. Gleason, one of the school's art teachers, was present to show the group the Artsonia.com website. She is looking for help in photographing, editing, and uploading artwork to the website. Artsonia.com is a site used by art teachers to showcase work done by students. (A permission slip was sent home with students at the beginning of the year; only students whose parents completed the permission slip and said yes have their work published online.) The site stores a student's work for entire time they are at school. The help Ms. Gleason is looking for should take about 1-2 hours per week. Interested parents should contact M. Gleason directly. Art work can be purchased online with 15% back to school.

Artist in Residence: The group had a brief discussion with Ms. Gleason while she was here about the artist in residence program for the next school year. The PTO is considering an art-theme for the 2012-2013 school year. Ms. Gleason will start looking for an artist(s).

The PTO has signed Mr. Eric Ingerham to come to the school on March 27th as part of this year's artist in residence program. Ms. Lindsey is working with several teachers to utilize his skills. The PTO is still waiting to hear back from Ramon of Ramon's Gym for pricing and availability.

Event Updates:

- **After School Craft** – Kim Lackmann had been organizing this year's events but she is no longer able to do this event. We need a new organizer to take over these events.
- **Healthy Kids Night** – This event is scheduled for 6-8pm on March 23rd. We need an organizer for this event. Tami Bowles would like to set up a table with healthy products that offer box tops.
- **Baby-Sitting for School Deliberative** – The PTO initially offered the 8th graders \$100 to watch children during the School Deliberative so parents could attend. A motion was made to increase the amount to \$150 because around 40 children were present for about 3 hours. The motion was seconded and passed.
- **Read Across America** – This is an event where the PTO provides milk/cookies while students listen to an adult read a story. This event hasn't been schedule yet.
- **Teacher Reimbursements** – The offer to the Spec Education rooms for reimbursement of expenses is due end of February. The offer was made to each resource room and opportunity to be reimbursed up to \$75 per room; similar to the teacher offer.
- **Monetary requests** – The first request was from Mary Webster who is organizing the road race. She asked that the PTO consider purchasing a time clock that calculates race times. The timing company is a significant portion of the event costs. The group members voted

not to participate. Another request was from Nolan Murphy to provide assistance for intramural basketball. The group present debated the issue and logistics involved and decided not to participate.

- **Movie Night** – The next one will happen in April. The PTO will offer pizza to eat.
- **Agricultural Day** – Ms. Maloney approached Sharon with running next year's Ag Day as an Artist in Residence program. Agricultural Day is an educational day that supports all grades. The group present debated the issue but decided to table further discussion till a later date.
- **Fundraising** – the group discussed different fundraising ideas. A committee will be established to start planning the wine tasting fundraiser or come up with new idea(s).

Website: Nothing new.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the January 2012 meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. A motion was made, seconded, and the report was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Allen