

CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2012

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Sharon Dewitt.

ATTENDEES:

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

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Monetary Requests – Patti Davis came to the meeting to ask the PTO if it would want to be a sponsor for the Library summer music series. She described the events she is hoping to have and she feels that she will need to pay more for the bands than last year. She also discussed several changes to the program such as hiring bands to play adult music and changing the starting time from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Further discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

Another request was from Mrs. Gray for the PTO to purchase composing software. This also will be tabled until May.

The third request was from Lucas McCabe, a former Moore School student who was asking the PTO for a donation to help defray the costs of trips to a Student Diversity Leadership Conference in Philadelphia and then a Semester at Sea program. The group had a discussion about the request and decided not to contribute because the organization is over budget on certain expenses.

Event Updates:

- **Healthy Kids Night** – Sharon DeWitt gave a recap of the event. She felt it was a good turnout. The group on whole walked 29 miles. There were many booths with great ideas. Several of the reusable snack and lunch bags still available for sale (contact Jodi Hedstrom to purchase).
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – It will be the week of May 14th. PTO will do a luncheon on Friday, May 18th. Sharon would like to do something for the support/janitor staff since they are not present for the lunch. This will be factored into the plans.
- **Movie Night** – Will be May 11th. Pizza will be sold as the food item.
- **Agricultural Day** – Will be on May 2nd. Ms. Maloney was present and brought up three requests for the PTO for the future: to support Ag Day, support Road for Hope next year, and she would like to be sponsored as an Artist in Residence to run Ag Day and the gardens next year (\$1,000 total).
- **Fundraising** – The members present had a brief discussion for a fall fundraiser as one will be needed and nothing is currently scheduled. Joyce Bedard will contact a company to get information to be used as a fall fundraiser.
- **After School Crafts** – Patti Davis will coordinate it. She will need help with the form sent out to parents.
- **Spirit Day** – Would be June 13th with a rain date of June 15th. Erin Asselin volunteered to organize it. The PTO provides food.

- **Annual Gifts** – Ms. Lavalley has asked to put a 4 foot high chain link fence around the playground. Other items that could be gifts: composing software (about \$2,600), replacing locks in the classrooms (the school needs to replace all the locks so that they can be locked from the inside if there is a lockdown); or two new flag stands for the stage. The other idea is for an electronic sign for out front. (It could be used as a fundraiser.) The group needs to get costs for next meeting.
- **Box Tops** – Tammy went to a convention in Boston for Box Tops and one suggestion from the convention was to target the money raised to a specific project. It can be advertised and it is felt more participation is garnered with a specific program. The group still has points for Labels from Education and it would be great to use them this year.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the March 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 8:43pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Allen