

**CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
October 10, 2013

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**OPENING:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Tammy Bowles.

**ATTENDEES:**

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

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**Event Updates:**

- **Minds in Motion** – Judi Lindsey came to ask for additional funds for Minds in Motion. She now sees all grades (K-8) and is looking at hands on materials to use for the lower grades. She has a Google website (<https://sites.google.com/a/sau15.net/mrs-lindsey-s-minds-in-motion/>) and is looking for feedback on the site. She said Currier Art lessons start in a few weeks. Tammy and Jodi looked at the budget and told Judi that she had a \$250 budget for Minds in Motion and a separate amount for the Math League online registration. Judi was excited and glad for the funds. She and Tammy talked about the rolling bookcase that was purchased with Campbell's Labels for Education.

- **Gift Cards** – Tami Baker is going put out colorful flyers again in early November to advertise the Scripts Gift Cards. The flyers are professionally printed and can be shared at work or with family. Tami needs help with suggestions for prizes. A few ideas were discussed and one suggestion was an extra recess. Several people indicated how much their kids liked extra recess even the older grades.

The group discussed the Scripts account and the balances. A motion was made write a check at the end of the school year to transfer funds from the gift card account to the general PTO account. The goal would be to keep the amount obligated plus \$1,500 and any excess over that amount will be transferred. Motion was seconded. All voted and passed.

- **Movie Night** – Nancy Diehle is organizing movie night, which will be on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Pizza, popcorn and ice cream will be offered. The movie will be Hotel Transylvania. The flyer is to be distributed in the October 11<sup>th</sup> Friday folder..
- **Box Tops** – Tammy Bowles said she has started the first Box Tops contest for this year.
- **After School Crafts** – Laura Briggs said the craft this week went well. She tried Signup Genius this time but she needs to have an option for those who do not have internet. She had low numbers but the kids had a great time. She is likely going to give up crafts next year but she is trying to find a replacement. Tammy said there are a few 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who want to volunteer for the PTO and Mr. Wood is looking for ideas of what they could do.
- **Book Fair** – The Book Fair will be week of November 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. This year it coincides with parent conferences. Volunteers will be needed for set up, clean-up, and then to help during the day throughout the week. The group discussed using Sign-Up Genius and started a page so that volunteers can sign-up to help.
- Jodi Hedstrom brought up an idea for switching the birthday celebrations away from food. The PTO would get suggestions of books to buy from the teachers. A child on his/her birthday could go "choose" a book and then that book would be donated to the school in the child's name. We could come up with some way to memorialize it with a picture and note in the book. The group discussed the idea and decided to target it for next year.
- **Teacher Reimbursements** – No update was available this month.

- **Holiday Story Hour** – Jodi Hedstrom will chair story hour. It is currently scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. Tammy Bowles submitted a facility form for the event.
- **School Garden** – Nancy Maloney is looking to hand-off the school garden next year and Laura Briggs is willing to take it on. She may, however, need the PTO to sponsor it. She will find out more details. Tammy Bowles raised a concern about the PTO taking over the gardens as another “project” and finding volunteer(s) to coordinate it in the future.
- **Artist in Residence** – Several PTO members are going to meet with Nathan Walker who will be the artist in residence this year. They will be meeting with him on the 11th.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Secretary’s Report:** The minutes from the September 20123 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No report was available this month.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Allen