

**Califon School PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes for February 18, 2010**

Call to Order

President Nancy Turello called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 2010 meeting were read by Karen Becker. Joan Nitti and Nikki Brandner motioned for the minutes to be approved.

Officers' Reports

Vice President's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed the deposits and withdrawals from January 22, 2010 to February 18, 2010.

Ending Balance on 1/21/2010:	\$4314.31
Total Deposits:	\$2266.25
Total Withdrawals from 1/22–2/18:	\$785.00
Account Balance:	\$3,795.56

Playground:

Total Deposits:	\$837.00 (2 hot lunches)
Total Withdrawal:	\$520.00
Account Balance:	\$1737.94

See attached deposit/withdrawal treasurer report.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Going green for the Califon PTA appears to be starting to catch on. It was suggested that the PTA send out highlights of the PTA meeting minutes to PTA members on the email distribution list. This would provide members with a quick look at what is happening with the PTA. Sandy Anderson, the corresponding secretary will be responsible for sending these highlights out. Minutes will still be posted for more details of the meeting outcomes.

Recording Secretary Report

Nothing to report.

President's Report

Nancy opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda and then proceeded in discussing the old business.

Old Business

Clothing Drive – Joan Nitti reported that an advertisement for the clothing drive will appear in Newspapers in the upcoming weeks. April 27th will be the last day for people to drop off clothing contributions. Sandy Anderson will send out an email to make people aware of this date. The PTA is expected to receive 13 cents a pound for clothes and 15 cents per pound for shoes.

Drop off of the clothing drive will be available at the Califon Town Hall. Nancy Turello will be the only person to have a key to access the storage area where the clothing will be held until the pick-up. Top of the Barn has promised to help with donations from the donations that they are unable to sell and are planning on discarding. Volunteers will be needed to pick-up this discarded clothing from Top of the Barn on Wednesdays at 2:00PM.

Hot Lunches

A great many thanks to Sandy Anderson for organizing the last hot Mac & Cheese lunch – it was a hit! There had been an incident at the last hot lunch with a parent stating that they had paid in cash and the PTA not receiving the money. The amount quoted by the parent was \$50. The child did receive the hot lunch, but this incident prompted the PTA to enact a new guideline stating that any payment over \$10.00 needs to be paid by check for hot lunches. This statement will appear in all flyers or messages regarding hot lunches.

The General Store approached the PTA to offer hot lunches to children at the Califon School. These hot lunches would vary but be made up of sandwiches and sliders costing about \$5-6. The PTA will investigate to see if this is viable. Nancy Turello will be responsible for the next hot lunch scheduled for March 17th. The lunch will have a St Patty's Day theme and feature something green like green bagels and green Jell-O.

New Business

Tricky Tray

The Tricky Tray event will be held on Saturday, April 24th, and will have a 60s theme around "Flower Power". Nancy Turello has all the paperwork completed to obtain the raffle license needed to hold this event. The PTA will be scheduling the gym for Friday, April 23rd, from 3:30-6:00 PM, in order to begin setting up for the event. The Tricky Tray event will start with a preview of the gifts at 6:00 PM. The calling of the raffle tickets and awarding the prizes will start at 7:30 PM. Joan Nitti will send out the flyer on February 19th to announce the event. The PTA has already started to reach out to business to request donations for the event. Walmart and STS have already committed to a contribution. A recommendation was to have a professional (Jim Brewer) do the calling of the raffles.

Hasbro Night

The PTA was approached by the Califon Kids Care to help with a fundraising event. The toy company, Hasbro, will donate games to organize a game night. Families who participate would be asked to get sponsors to contribute money for the length of the game playing. For example, a sponsor would contribute \$5 per hour for the family participating. If they played 2 hours, the sponsor would contribute \$10. Contributions are

to go to the Haiti fund for purchasing tents. While this would be a fundraiser for Haiti, the Califon School would be able to keep all of the games that Hasbro donates. Nikki Brandner volunteered to chair this event. Thanks Nikki! The tentative date for this game night will be Friday, March 19th from 7:00- 9:00 PM. It was suggested to ask the girl scouts to help with this event.

Bucket Fillers – Michelle LeGrand had approached the PTA regarding a program called “Bucket Fillers” (see attachment). She thought that this might be good to tie into the student of the month event that is currently in place. This is a program to reinforce the philosophy for children to be positive. It was suggested that the PTA should explore whether this project is more suitable to be part of the “Character Education Curriculum” that NJ State school participate in.

Mothers Day Plant Sale – Kiersten Flowers will chair this event for the PTA. The flyer to announce the plant sale will go our the week of February 22nd. Sandy Anderson will also send out an email to all of the PTA membership regarding this event as well.

No TV Week – The PTA still needs a chairperson for this event in April!

“Stuck On You” Fundraiser – Nancy Turello suggested a new fundraiser for the PTA called – Stuck On You; stickers that can be placed on anything (clothing water bottles etc.) and will not come off. You can even wash the clothes and it continues to stick. The stickers might be good for children going to camp or just school articles. For every order the PTA would receive a certain portion of the order. The PTA will explore this fundraiser in more depth.

Read Across America – Mrs. Owens will once again head up the Read Across America event. It is scheduled for Friday March 5th. She has asked the assistance from the PTA for baked goods for the event. Lori Reilly will chair the baked goods segment for Read Across America. It was suggested that due to some children’s food allergies that if possible, Betty Crocker should be used when making the baked goods.

“Doodles for Google” – Lynne Parent brought to the attention of the PTA a contest for the Califon School to enter. Each school can submit 6 winners who had drawn a special graphic or picture using the Os in the Google word. The theme for the drawing is “If I could do anything I would....” The winners would then go forward and be submitted for across the country. Prizes include money and laptops. Dr. Prystach approved moving forward. Mrs. Madson, the art teacher, will help to prepare students to get going on their drawings. This is an event that needs to be done through the school and not the PTA. The contest is open to children K-12.

Door Prize - Winner of the two \$5 Dunkin Donuts Door prize was awarded (one went to Maggie St. Louis and the other to Nikki Brandner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Attachments:

Budget Update January 22-February 18, 2010

Agenda

Google Contest

Bucker Filler - Description of Event