

**Paradise Canyon Elementary School
Open PTA Meeting
November 15, 2011**

1. Call To Order

Parliamentarian (and Past President) Lisa Dick called the open meeting of the Paradise Canyon Elementary School PTA to order at 9:15 am in the library. A quorum was present.

Lisa explained that President Lisa Fungo could not be present because she was attending a field trip with her son's class. Lisa Dick led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lisa started with some thank yous. She thanked first Jennifer Burke and Nancy Erickson for all the hard work and long hours that they put in to the budget and financial reports. She thanked Danny Huynh for our fabulous website. She thanked Camila Hartman for our lovely Harvest Festival. She thanked Lindsay Henriod for all the work to make Red Ribbon Week happen. She thanked Julie Lee for being a great picture day volunteer. The list of volunteer thank yous goes on and on.

A few people had some questions. Someone asked why we decided to switch picture day companies. Lisa replied that there were a lot of complaints last year. There was also some discussion about the jog-a-thon. It was acknowledged that there were some glitches with the online format this year, notably that it was not possible to make a per lap pledge online. There will continue to be discussion about doing both paper and online pledges in the future. Along those same lines, the topic of doing an online one-check form for the Medieval Faire was brought up. Jennifer Burke replied that we should do both a paper version and an online version this year. It was noted that there were a lot of glitches with La Canada Elementary School's online one-check form for their Halloween Haunt and as a result their donations were way down from previous years.

Lisa then welcomed Ellen Multari to the meeting and offered her a tentative congratulations. Mrs. Multari had recently become elected to the La Canada School Board, but the final election results were not yet complete. Since the race between Jeanne Broberg and Andrew Blumenfeld was so close, the election results were not official yet. Someone asked about a possible recount. Mrs. Multari replied that a recount would only happen if a candidate requested it. Also, the candidate would have to pay for the recount. Mrs. Multari said she was grateful to have been elected and looked forward to all the hard work as a school board member.

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2. Business

Christa Evans **moved** to approve the minutes of the October 11th open meeting. Jenny Raulli seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Treasurer Jennifer Burke gave the treasurer's report. Jennifer thanked everyone for their time and financial resources. Jennifer noted that we are still adding up the revenues from the gift wrap fundraiser, but in October alone, we deposited over \$15,000 through this fundraiser. She also pointed out that, in October, the Harvest Festival made a net profit of \$4557; the e-scrip program raised \$5491; and through sixth grade donations we made \$1550 in donations.

Our cash balance at the end of September totaled \$121,158 and at the end of October totaled \$112,623. During October, we wrote 68 checks totaling \$37,225 and collected \$28,683 in deposits, for a net loss of \$8542.

Jennifer Burke **moved** to approve the cash balance report for October. Lisa Simone seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Jennifer Burke **moved** to approve the warrants for October. Jenny Raulli seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

3. Chairperson's Reports

Holiday Luncheon: Lisa Simone gave the report about the Holiday Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on December 13th at Kristen Newquist's house. The board will receive an email after Thanksgiving reminding them about the luncheon. Each board member is asked to bring four dozen cookies for the teachers.

Reflections: Christine Chant gave the report about the Reflections contest. This year we had over 60 entries. This number is a little lower than before. This is largely due to the fact that some of the teachers who, in the past, have required that students submit a project, did not make this a requirement this year. Tonight the entries are being judged at the district level. The winners will be announced at the December Spirit Rally. This year Christine is the representative for the Reflections Contest for the 7/8 as well. Christine was proud to see that many of the 7/8 kids who participate are former PCY students.

Book Faire: Chrissie Arnold, second VP of Ways and Means, spoke about the book faire. She reported that so far the faire has been very successful. Donuts with Dads was very crowded and was a big hit! They went through twenty dozen donuts!

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4. Unfinished Business

There was some discussion at the last PTA meeting about whether or not the Back to School Picnic should be considered a fundraiser. It was determined that since the Back to School Picnic falls under the VP of Ways and Means, and since we do make a small profit, that it is a fundraiser. Next year it will be added to the list of fundraisers that are ratified at the first PTA meeting of the school year.

There was also discussion at the last meeting about using Shutterfly accounts for class photos. After meeting with Dr. Cradduck and discussing the many ways photos are used by teachers, the school, and the district, it was determined that the use of photoshare sites such as Shutterfly, should not be regulated by the PTA. If parents want to sign up, they have the option to sign up independent of the PTA if they wish.

5. Questions and Announcements

A parent wondered about the timing of our Harvest Festival and the LCE Pumpkin Patch. This year the Pumpkin Patch received much more publicity through the local newspapers than the Harvest Festival. The parent wondered if perhaps there should be some discussion about the timing of the two events and the amount of publicity they each receive.

There was also a question about if there was an assembly for the gift wrap fundraiser. The parent wondered if perhaps this was an unnecessary assembly, since it is non-educational. It seemed to some that perhaps there have been too many interruptions to the usual schedule this year.

Lisa had the following announcements:

Thanksgiving Break -- no school, 11/21 – 11/25
LCFEF Jog-a-Thon – November 16th at PE times
Book Faire – 11/14 – 11/18
Gift Wrap Distribution – 11/16
6th Grade Play – Wednesday, December 7th @ Lanterman Auditorium
Holiday Staff Luncheon – December 13th at the Newquist home
Winter Recess – no school, 12/23 – 1/6

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 9:15 AM in the cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

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Submitted by:

Christa Evans
Recording Secretary