

**South Bay • Pine Hill
Parent Teacher Organization
GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes
March 15, 2007
Pine Hill School Library

The meeting was called to order and flag saluted. There were 8 people in attendance.

Reports

Minutes from February 15, 2007, were approved with a few minor changes.

Rachel Siska reported a total balance as of 3/15/07 of **\$11,801**. Reminders will be sent to staff to spend their Ways and Means funds and submit their receipts for payment as soon as possible.

Correspondence

PTO received a thank you from the Clarke Museum for the donation of bingo cards that were found when the shed was cleaned out.

Debi asked if the PTO was going to participate in the ***Rhododendron Parade*** on **April 28th**. Consensus was yes. The theme is “Celebrating North Coast Heroes” and educators were chosen as our “heroes.” Rachel B. will distribute fliers to all students’ parents inviting them to a separate planning meeting at 6:30 March 27th at Kristina’s.

Old Business

The popcorn machine is still on hold as more research is done on models and prices. A suggestion of applying for a grant from Humboldt Sponsors was made and Rachel S. will research that option.

New Business

The ***Carnival*** will be on **Friday, June 1st from 5-8pm** at Pine Hill School. Teachers from both schools will run their classroom booths, taking care of their own games and volunteers. Raffle items need to be collected and PTO asks for baskets from classrooms again BUT we don’t want teachers to spend their own money on items so if there aren’t enough items to fill a basket from one classroom, we’ll combine the items into other baskets. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and Shelly will order 1,200-1,500 from the Office of Education.

Tentative menu includes hotdogs, salad bar (price cheaper than last year), fruit kabobs, chili and chips, delivered pizzas, snocones, and drinks. Rex Bohn will loan us the large barbecue.

We need lots of volunteers to oversee the food services, ticket booth, prize booth, raffle room, etc. Natasha has volunteered to run the snocone machine. We also need better signage, pointing people to the food, games, and raffle room. PTO will rent a Jolly Jumper which has been successful in the past and will work with the teachers to help get items for their game booths (like more glasses for the dime toss). We will also ask teachers to help choose items for the prize booth from the various catalogs we get.

Open Floor

Discussion revolved around how to get more parents and teachers involved in PTO and PTO-sponsored events. Someone suggested an “Hour of Power” – asking parents (and teachers) to donate 1 hour (or more) of their time to an event or activity during the whole school year. Or they could pick one event to help out with and we wouldn’t bug them for other events.

Meeting was adjourned shortly after 7pm – we all agree that we like the earlier meeting time.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 19th at 6:00pm at South Bay School