

**Bonita Canyon PTA
General Association Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2009**

Meeting Attendance:

The attached sheets show attendees.

Call to Order:

The open session was called to order in the MPR at 8:32 am by President Jan Hilliard.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the January 29, 2009 General Meeting were approved as presented.

BOARD REPORTS

Auditor: Julie Rachels

The mid-year audit for July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 was completed and the findings presented.

MOTION: Meredith Stenta moved to approve the mid-year audit report as presented. Adopted.

Parliamentarian: Jan Hilliard for Lena Maddox

- Jan thanked Lena and the rest of the Nominating Committee for their hard work. Jan presented the proposed 2009 - 2010 Executive Board as follows:

Nominating Committee Proposed PTA Board
President – Jan Hilliard
Executive VP Membership – Delphine Haley
VP of Ways and Means – Caroline Kavanaugh
VP of Curriculum – Anne Loh
Recording Secretary – Diana Camaur
Treasurer – Meredith Stenta
Financial Secretary – Annie Lai
Historian – Pamela Ho
Auditor – Julie Rachels

President-Elect Positions
Parliamentarian – Natalie Hill
Corresponding Secretary – Open

MOTION: Alesha Arp moved to approve the proposed slate of 2009-2010 Executive Board members. Adopted.

- Jan presented the revised June 2007 by-laws received from the California State PTA Parliamentarian.

MOTION: Natalie Hill moved to approve the revised by-laws, including the following changes:

- **Section 1, Article 7 to read, “Association meetings are meetings of the general membership and shall be held on the fourth (4th) Friday of October, January, March and June.”**

- **Standing Rules #9 to read, “Executive board meetings shall be held on the second Friday of each month during the school year.”**
Adopted. 2/3rds vote requirement met.

Treasurer: Meredith Stenta

- Meredith presented the treasurer’s report for February 2009; it is attached. Details follow:

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| Account Balances as of February 28, 2009: | |
| Wells Fargo Business Checking: | \$ 63,512.75 |
| Wells Fargo Money Market: | \$ 53,935.81 |
| WaMu Business Money Market: | \$ 98,565.50 |
| Total Current Assets as of February 28, 2009 | \$216,014.06 |

MOTION: Lena Maddox moved to approve the treasurer’s report for February 2009 as presented. Adopted.

MOTION: Meredith Stenta moved to approve the payment of expenses through June 5, 2009 within the limits of the budget. Adopted.

Ways and Means: Diana Camaur for Caroline Kauvanaugh

The Carnevale Spring Fundraiser was a huge success; it made an estimated \$145,000 profit (a record high)!

- A few of the highlights were: teacher time outings grossed \$11,005; the \$18,000 library “fund an item” request received \$27,250; and a BC teacher/staff member gave up his/her parking space so that 3 spots could bring in \$18,000 each for a total of \$54,000.
- The overwhelming support of school families and teachers/staff was evident: 40 families donated auction items, 61 families underwrote the event, 28 families contributed wine bottles, 250 families contributed money toward the wine wall and 119 families bought tickets.
- Much gratitude and appreciation is owed to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to prepare and run the event (names in this week’s Conduit).

Principal’s Report: Robin Beacham

- The Spring Fundraiser was a great party; thank you so much to all the families for your support.
- Modernization will definitely take place this summer. All of the contents of the school will be moved out and stored in bins on the asphalt. The bulk of the modernization money will go into updating classrooms. In addition, new bathrooms will be installed. Robin shared the materials board.
- Robin thanked parents for their patience in filling out the residency verification forms. She conveyed that this was a top priority for the Superintendent. A separate form needs to be filled out for each child; this is being asked of every student in Irvine.

President's Report: Jan Hilliard

- Please record your volunteer hours. The more hours reported, the more it helps our school. You can email hours to Pamela Ho at dpikobeho@msn.com. Pamela is looking into a computer program that will make it easier to log and track volunteer hours next year.
- Teacher appreciation week is May 4th – 8th. Children will be receiving sombrero die cuts to decorate for the “Cinco de Mayo” themed luncheon.
- Applications for the BC Scholarship have been distributed to approximately 7 local high schools; extras are in the school office. The BC Scholarship is \$500. Eligible candidates are high school seniors who attended Bonita Canyon. Applications are due in a month.

Guest Speaker: Michelle Woodward, MA, MFT Motivational Speaker

Michelle gave a talk on how to develop self esteem in children. Salient points included:

- Self esteem can be defined as how likeable, confident, attractive and moral a person feels about he/she is.
- Children develop self esteem primarily by mastering something that matters to them.
- While parents cannot “give” their children self esteem, they can create an atmosphere that supports its development:
 - Accept, understand and appreciate your child for who they are; recognize both their strengths and weaknesses.
 - Give praise for effort, not grades. Don't give false praise.
 - Help your child remember his/her accomplishments, and how they felt.
 - Provide opportunities and time for your child to find out what matters to him/her.
 - The primary task for grade school children to master is “how to learn”. Help your child learn good study habits.
 - Convey to your child that “you must do what you *have* to do in order to do what you *want* to do”.
 - Spend time with and actively listen to your child. At least once a day, *stop* what you're doing, get down to his/her level and look him/her in the eyes.
 - Don't always try to solve your child's problems or give advice. Listen and empathize when they are going through difficult times, and let *them* figure out a solution.
 - Be a role model and encourage your child to help others – it's a great esteem builder.

Jan Hilliard thanked Michelle for her talk.

Announcements:

- The next PTA General Association Meeting will be held on June 5th from 8:30 – 10:00 am in the MPR.
- The first school-wide Art Fair will be held on May 21st, the night of Open House.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Diana Camaur
PTA Recording Secretary