

JOSEPH SIMS PTO
Tuesday, April 15, 2008
Minutes

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1. The meeting was called to order by Sheri at 7:08 p.m.
2. A new fundraising company, Great American Opportunities, is trying to solicit our business. One of the items they sell is cookie dough. Their rep sent over a variety of pre-cooked cookies for everyone to sample. Otis Spunkmeier also sent over cookies as well. The group tasted both but still preferred Otis Spunkmeier's cookies.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report** - reviewed and approved by all.
 - b. **Movie Night** - March 28 movie night (Ratatouille) was a success. Due to poor initial sales and a last minute rush to purchase tickets, we ended up over-selling the event. Total ticket sales came to 350. It was determined that future movie nights, PTO would go ahead and sell up to 300 tickets for the event as opposed to our previous cap of 250.

Sheri also reported that she discovered 2 counterfeit tickets that were given at the door for admittance.

Our popcorn popper is too small for this event. It takes days to get ready for each movie night and many bags of popcorn are burned as a result of the machine overheating and clogging. Sheri suggested that we look into a bigger popcorn machine. The group indicated that this was item they would be open to considering for purchase. Sheri said she would price these machines and send an e-mail to the board members for voting on purchasing. She is hoping to have one before our next movie night, which will be May 16. We will be showing Enchanted (rated PG).

- c. **Staff Appreciation Week** - Sheri and Christy are still working on this event and pretty much have planned what they want to do each day. Sheri created a wish list of activities in which they will need help and passed around a list of events for volunteers.
- d. **Nathan Levy (guest speaker)** - Monica asked if the speaker has been confirmed yet. Sheri said that she talked to Erica Yee and she has not heard back from him.

4. **New Business**

- a. **The Habit** - We have scheduled another Sims Night at The Habit. It will be May 6 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- b. **Sims Night with the River Cats** - The event will be on June 13, 2008, 7:05 p.m. game time. The cost will be \$14 per ticket and PTO will get \$4 of each ticket sold. Friday night was picked as hot dogs and ice creams cost \$1. Flyers will be coming.
- c. **Time for Kids magazines and Important Papers Folders for students** - Elaine said that these two items were purchased by the PTO last year for all the students. The Group voted to purchase these items again for the coming 2008-2009 school year.
- d. **PTO Board positions** - voting will be held at the next PTO meeting in May. Sheri asked JD to create a flyer to go home soliciting parents to come be apart of the PTO and consider being a board member. It was discussed that we amend the current bylaws regarding the 2 year term limit. It was motioned that we extend the term limits from 2 years to 3 years for all board positions. The motion was passed by all, therefore allowing current members to stay where they are if no other candidates come forward.
- e. **PTO membership** - Sheri asked the group to think of some ideas for a membership drive for the coming new school year.
- f. **California Distinguished School** - Carlos confirmed that Joseph Sims did get the title and a recognition ceremony will be held at Disneyland in May. We are sending 3 teachers to attend this event. To commemorate this achievement, Carlos also indicated that the school is purchasing bumper stickers for all families and t-shirts and lanyards for the staff. However, he asked the PTO if they would coordinate the sale of shirts to parents and students. Sheri said the PTO will do it as long as it can be done on a pre-sale basis. Carlos agreed that was the way to proceed. Carlos will be talking to Erica Yee regarding graphic art work for the shirts.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.