

Country Day School PTO
Minutes
November 13, 2008

Meeting Called to order at 8:45 am by Carra Milikien. Agenda was printed and passed around. Introductions were made and then Carra led the meeting.

Those in attendance: Valanna Bulner, Shari Lawrence, Clara Gavaghan, Carra Milikien, President, Rose Saenz, Tricia Love, Betty Williams, and Joan Martinez.

Carra explained the purpose of the organization. We are a parent organization whose function is to support the teacher, administrators and the school as a whole. We will provide this support in two main ways: raising money and providing people power. This support will help the country day school and its teachers provide our children with the best possible education. This PTO will also be a nonprofit organization, which will thereby open up opportunities for grant money for our school that are currently unavailable due to the for profit status of the school. In regards to establishing our nonprofit status, Carra informed us of her progress in filling the appropriate legal documents. The process is currently stalled at the point of choosing a name for our organization. The San Antonio Country Day School PTO and The Country Day PTO names have already been rejected by legalzoom. com . Any suggestions of names for our organization are appreciated and should be shared with Carra. Next, we nominated and selected officers for our organization.

President- Carra Milikien
Secretary- Tricia Love
Treasurer-Valanna Bulner

We then discussed other needs of our organization, which include the creation of a fundraising committee, choosing room parents, determining what the dues should be, and establishing a wishlist or things that the teacher and the school need. We also need to create a mission statement and bylaws for our organization. Valanna volunteered to work on drafting a mission statement. Ideas of activities, for our organization, were discussed such as; helping the 5th and 6th grade with the yearbook they are creating, having a book fair, having a pumpkin patch next October, and helping with the elementary cultural fair. More immediately we discussed the need to have a booth at the harvest festival on Friday November 21st. The booth will serve multiple purposes. First, it will inform the parents about the PTO and invite them to the December meeting. We determined the next meeting will be held on December 9th at 6:30 pm and we are looking into childcare options, so that the meeting will be accessible to more parents. Second, the booth will be one of our first fundraising efforts. We have decided to make and sell Salsa using Ms. Betty's secret family recipe (to be called "A little taste of Haven"). Those interested in helping make the salsa are bringing their blenders and meeting in the morning on Thursday November 20th in the kitchen in the Elementary building. Also an order form is being created for those individuals who might like to order more salsa. A third function of the booth will be to educate the parents on the other ways that the school is already raising money. These include: box tops for education, the paper recycler and the shopping affiliates. Tricia volunteered to make boxes for each of the classrooms where the students can deposit the box tops. This is a great way to get our children involved in helping the school they love.

The cookbook fundraiser still needs submissions and we were all encouraged to share our recipes as well as to encourage other parents to do the same.

The meeting was concluded at 9:45 am