

“Pots and Pans” Installation

Tonight we are going to have a “Pots and Pans” Installation, our symbolism derived from the things we use in our kitchens. Cooking up a good mixture is important to any household or organization, as are the people who have graciously agreed to create the recipes for this mixture.

So first up is our HISTORIAN, _____. To her we give these **RECIPE CARDS** so that she can make a list of all the ingredients and the steps necessary to create our recipes for all the great things that happen at our school. By collecting all these tantalizing recipes in her **RECIPE BOX** she will create the history of another great PTA year.

To help our new president along in the kitchen is our PARLIAMENTARIAN, _____. To him we present this **MEAT THERMOMETER** so that he can always gage the temperature of the meetings. When it gets too hot, he’ll know its time to bring out those tasty **ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER** to keep the meeting from going up in flames!

There are two important spices and most good recipes call for one or the other, if not both. To our FINANCIAL SECRETARY, _____ we give this **SALT** so that she can salt away the association’s money in the bank and some **PEPPER** so that she can season our books with accounts of how we spend our PTA monies.

Now every good cook knows it is not only good ingredients but their proportion that make up a tasty recipe. To our TREASURER, _____ we give

this set of **MEASURING CUPS and MEASURING SPOONS** to assist him as he measures out the payment of our money to our various programs and chair people.

And it is the job of our AUDITOR, _____ to make sure that the PTA recipes have the correct *balance* and *flavor*. To help her in this task we give this accurate **FOOD SCALE** and this nifty **TASTING SPOON**.

Timing is another important part of completing a good recipe and the key to a well-run kitchen. It is the adherence to this **KITCHEN TIMER** that allows our CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, _____ to get her meeting notices and letters out promptly.

There is always a lot going on in any PTA Board Meeting just like in a busy kitchen. Some cooks go on and on with the details of their recipes and it is up to the RECORDING SECRETARY, _____ to make sense of it all. So to her we give a **STRAINER** to help her strain through all varying levels of noise that always occur at our meetings. And a **FUNNEL** to help funnel our lengthy discussions into a concise accounting that are the PTA minutes.

It is the vice presidents that assist our president in the kitchen. It is the job of our 5th VP OF COMMUNICATION, _____ to keep our membership informed. So to her we present this **FORK AND SPOON** so that she can keep the recipe stirred up and well blended. Her work will help create a perfect mix for a great year.

Well, all this good food that our recipes create has to be served by somebody and that somebody is our 4TH VP OF VOLUNTEERS, _____. These **SERVING TRAYS AND BOWLS** are just the right gift for a person whose carries

out the PTA duty to serve up a warm-hearted welcome to all members. You will season our dishes with friendship. In this service, may you draw many volunteers into the _____ PTA.

Our 3RD VP OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY, _____ is concerned with safety issues and where would any kitchen be without its **BAKING SODA** to keep the fires under control? And when things get too hot to handle, here is a set of **POT HOLDERS** so that you will always keep us from harm.

And where would we be without the work of the 2ND VP OF WAYS AND MEANS, _____? It is her job to **WISK** and whip up all the funds that the Hickory PTA needs to carry out its programs. Sometimes she might even use this handy **SCRAPER** to help her scrape up all the monies the PTA requires to complete its recipe for a stellar year.

It is the job of the 1ST VP OF PROGRAMS, _____ to carry out the primary objective of the PTA, to develop and enrich the educational experience of children. This **APPLE CORER** is sure to take her to this core of the PTA, the heart of this association.

All the successful recipes at Hickory rely on the attention of its two talented ADVISORS, _____ & _____. It is their job to **“BASTE”** the PTA year carefully, giving it just the right amount of assistance and guidance. Also to help them with their task, we have these **COASTERS** so they can keep our school and its PTA from any damage and help us coast through another delectable year.

Now last but not least we have our PRESIDENT, _____. For her we have a basket of kitchen goodies to make her kitchen/meetings run smoothly.

Since you are the head cook, we have for you this **CHEF'S HAT** so that we can always find you in a crowd.

To open your meetings we have for you a **CORK SCREW**. *(What else you open with it is on your own time and at your discretion.)*

If people get too long winded, just use your **KITCHEN SHEARS** to cut them off. *(Won't it be nice if you really could?)*

And to close your meetings, if you forget your gavel, just use this **MEAT MALLOT** to adjourn.

So combine all the talents and gadgets from all the officers, add little **SPICE** and lots of humor and you have this **COOKBOOK** full of recipes for an awesome year. We wish you all the best.

I now declare the officers of the _____ PTA duly installed.