

## Central Jersey Dance Company Parents Organization

The primary goal of the Central Jersey Dance Company Parents Organization (CJDCPO) is to provide funding for the Dance Company's costumes. Central Jersey feels that ordering as a group reduces the overall cost of costumes. Since costumes are returned when a dance is retired, we are able to provide a "closet" full of costume pieces for teachers to use when choosing costumes for a new dance. Therefore, new dances do not always require the purchase of entirely new costumes. An additional benefit to our costume policy is that individual company members do not end up with their own closets full of old costumes that are never worn again.

In addition to costumes, CJDCPO also provides funds for gifts or social celebrations within the Dance Company (graduating senior gifts, pizza parties, teacher bridal/baby showers, bereavement gifts, etc.)

Families who are members in good standing of the CJDCPO are allowed to borrow costumes for competitions, and must return them at the designated time at the end of the competition season. Families who are not members in good standing must pay a rental fee, currently \$75 per costume. Please check the Dance Company Registration form for changes in the amount due.

In order to become a member in good standing of the CJDCPO, parents must provide a work bond, and meet the fundraising and job requirements set by the CJDCPO executive board.

### **WORK BOND:**

A work bond deposit of \$50 for each family will be held by the CJDCPO, and will be returned should a child choose to leave the Dance Company, or graduate. *However, if the yearly fundraising and job requirements are not met, the work bond will be forfeited. In order to rejoin CJDCPO, a new \$50 work bond deposit must be submitted before the next dance season begins. (Reinstatement as a member will be at the discretion of the school and company).*

### **FUNDRAISING and JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

The CJDCPO participates annually in three types of fundraising activities: product sales, 50/50 raffle, and the Central Jersey Dance Showcase.

**Product Sales:** In order to remain a member in good standing each family must sell a minimum dollar amount of merchandise through fundraisers organized with such companies as Gerturde Hawk, Joe Corbi's, and Yankee Candle. If a family has more than one child in Dance Company, half the minimum sales amount is required for each additional child. Currently the minimum amount of sales is \$100 for the year. Please check the Dance Company Registration form for changes in minimum fundraising goals. If individual fundraising goals are not met, the family must pay the difference to remain a member in good standing.

**50/50 Raffle:** the CJDCPO holds a 50/50 raffle each year in the spring. Each family is issued a group of tickets and responsible for selling them. Tickets cost a dollar each. Currently all CJDCPO families are required to sell a minimum of \$10 of tickets per family. Please see the Dance Company Registration form for any changes in the minimum amount.

**Dance Showcase:** The CJDCPO's largest fundraiser is the money raised at the Central Jersey Dance Showcase held in early June. The profit from ticket sales is donated by Central Jersey to the CJDCPO. All CJDCPO members are asked to work a certain number of hours to help run the event. The date of the showcase and required work times are announced well in advance. A job sign-up sheet will be

distributed to CJDCPO members in advance of the showcase, so members can sign-up for jobs and time slots.

**Additional Jobs:** In addition to working the Dance Showcase, CJDCPO members are needed to run our product sales fundraisers, assist in communicating with the Dance Company Members, and fill several other organizational jobs. A sign-up sheet and job descriptions will be posted at Summer Choreography for members who wish to fill these positions. Holding one of these positions will reduce the number of hours required for that member to work at Dance Showcase.

#### **RESIGNATION:**

If a Dance Company member decides to terminate their membership for any reason, a letter of resignation must be submitted to the CJDCPO board. All costumes must be returned immediately, properly bagged and labeled. Any money owed to the member (i.e. work bond deposit) will be returned when these conditions are met.

#### **CJDCPO EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

Activities of the CJDCPO are directed by a membership elected executive board consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Sargent-at-Arms runs the CJDCPO. Nominations for board positions come from the general membership and any member in good standing is eligible to run for office. Job descriptions will be available prior to nominations. Board members are elected to a two-year term.

#### **MEETINGS:**

CJDCPO meetings are held a minimum of five times per year. We urge all parents to attend meetings regularly. Pre-competition meetings are especially important and are mandatory for all new members. Questions will be answered and last minute information will be given.

The above information may seem overwhelming, but please know that in addition to supporting our children, CJDCPO members also help each other. Preparing everything for competition can be a daunting task. As part of the CJDCPO you become part of the bigger Central Jersey family and are surrounded by experienced dance parents who can guide and teach you. Soon you will join the experienced ones, passing along your skills and support to others.