

## **Central School PTO Minutes Tuesday, March 11, 2011**

**Introduction:** The meeting began at 9:08 am in the Central School Library. PTO board members in attendance were as follows: Samantha Durst, Jeannine Glavas, Erin Durkin, Tracy Sloan, Sue Pipal, Jeanine Vaia, Patrick O’Laughlin and Kate Nessinger.

**Minutes:** Jeannine Glavas made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Sue Pipal reported an error in February minutes: that Original Works made \$780.00, and not \$2000. Minutes approved as corrected, see February 2011 minutes.

**Guest Speakers:** Village Trustee Candidates: Jean Sussman, Joe Ballerine and Ben Sells spoke about their qualifications and asked for our votes for at the April 5 election.

### **Officer’s Reports:**

**Co-President’s Report:** Samantha Durst spoke about the new Safety Committee which Dr Limperis helped create. Stefanie Dockendorf, Charles Clarkson, Amy Hill and Dr. Limperis will help with a committee plan. Stefanie reported that the committee is considering different options from involving the Riverside Police to a system such as Ames has done which entails waiting in line for the school patrols to help children exit the cars. Dr Limperis reported that a pilot procedure may begin and the end of April, or early May. Fourth and Fifth grade student and their siblings will be dropped off and enter through the back of the school. More details are forthcoming. Please e-mail suggestions to Stefanie, Janice or anyone on the committee. Following evaluation of the Pilot, a decision will be made whether or not to continue this procedure in the Fall.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP’s Report:** Erin Durkin reported that she is still collecting committee folders. They can be placed in the PTO box in the office or the cultural arts room filing cabinet.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP’s Report:** Sue Pipal stated that philanthropy requests should go to Sue or Samantha Durst.

**Board of Education meeting highlights:** Sue Pipal reported on the February Board of Education meeting. Sue stated there are plans in the works to make structural updates to the elementary schools. Sue reported that the architect suggested ADA accessibility and an elevator for Central. Another proposed change is to locate the office and visitor’s entrance through the basement. The cost of all proposed changes for all District schools is \$15,000,000.00 and the Board has decided they will not go to referendum for these monies. Sue reported that the Board of Education would like to hear from parents and teachers. Construction is slated for summer 2012.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Patrick O’Laughlin reported the following changes made to the budget since last month: a check came in for \$930.00 from Innisbrook; \$15 was made in Riverside Foods cards; and there was Feedblitz domain cost of \$76.00. Patrick reported that he deposited the \$12,762.00 made from the Auction into a 7-month CD at .53%.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Auction:** Samantha Durst reported that next month we will vote on which Fundraisers to continue for next year. We also will vote on having another Auction in 2012.

**Riverside Scrip:** Jane Wilhelm reported that Riverside Food cards sales continues twice a month.

**100% Fund:** Jane Wilhelm stated that the 100% Fund has raised \$4,555 to date. Stephanie O’Brien sent out letters for tax purposes.

**Shop with Scrip:** Jane Wilhelm reported that the shop with scrip program rose over \$80.00 around the Holidays and we are still accepting orders.

**Pavers:** Cathy Daun reported that she sent e-mail messages to kindergarten and first grade parents regarding brick paver sales.

**Nominating Committee:** Melinda Brom introduced the slated PTO Executive Board for 2011-12 school year: Co-Presidents: Jeannine Glavas and Amy Jacksic, 1<sup>st</sup> VP's: Erin Durkin and Tracy Sloan, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Sue Pipal, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Jeanine Vaia, Treasurer: Angela Izzo, Recording Secretary: Aberdeen Ozga, Parliamentarian: Patrick O'Laughlin and Communications Director: Stefanie Dockendorf.

**Artist in Residence:** Dawn Gmitro reported that next Friday Brian Fox Ellis will have an open performance followed by a final performance on March 25 at Hollywood School. Fox Ellis will have three workshops with each grade. He is here for 6 days. There are resources on his web page: <http://www.foxtalesint.com/>. Dawn reported that there will be story-telling opportunities for students at the Riverside Public Library on April 5 after school

**Book Fair:** Amy Jacksic reported that there is over \$6,000.00 from the Book Fair available to the school for reading materials.

**Creative Learning:** Mary Komperda reported that the first speaker event will be on April 27 at 7:00 at the Riverside Public Library. The speaker is an Occupational Therapist who will cover the topic of what to do with your child with sensory processing disorder over the summer. The meeting is open for anyone to attend. Childcare may be provided. The event will be advertised through the following: E-Backpack, Feedblitz, Yahoo group, and the PTO website.

**Cultural Arts:** Molly Carl reported on the "Adopt- a-Painting" program. Half of the 43 paintings have been adopted. Individuals or groups of people can pay to have a painting framed. This may become a multi year program. Most paintings will be reframed by the end of the school year. Some may be done over the summer.

**Science in a Can:** Jennifer Hepker Royer reported the program is in full swing and her employer donated the can covers. Science-in-a-Can is a 4- week program this year and grades Kindergarten, Second and Fourth will participate. Jennifer mentioned that idea of having a Science Fair in the future.

**Read to Succeed:** Paula Fudacz reported that the "Read to Succeed" tracking system has changed to online accounts. Paula created online accounts for each of the 221 students. Last year 200 students participated. Great America tickets should be delivered in May.

**Turn Off TV Week:** The Fourth Grade Girl Scout Troop is sponsoring the week's activities. Everyone is encouraged to spend time with the family and be outside. There will be a raffle for participants. Thursday of the week is Family Fun Night and Friday is fifth grade games. The committee is working on donations for the raffle, i.e., an ice cream scoop from Grumpy's. Turn Off TV Week is the week of April 11-18. Girls Scouts will be making announcements at school.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Jeannine Glavas reported that National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-5, and that Central's Teacher Appreciation Week will coincide with this. A raffle sign-up sheet is being passed around. Movie tickets and gift cards were suggested as raffle prizes. Recipes will be assembled to give to the teachers.

**Principal's Report:** Dr Limperis reported that the last day of school for fifth graders is Thursday June 2 when the "clap out" will be held. The last day for all other students will be on June 3 when class will be held for no more than one hour. The ISAT testing is being completed. Last year's ISAT scores are coming out soon. The new World Language Group is starting in a couple weeks.

**Teacher's Report:** Samantha Lutz reported that the fourth grade Young Authors book is due next week. The fourth graders will write a page with each letter of the alphabet about their lives and include illustrations. This will be displayed at the Open House on Thursday, April 21. On Thursday, March 22, Hauser will put on their Spring musical, Annie. School Spirit Day is next Wednesday and students will be celebrating March Madness by wearing team jerseys. Next week is the end of Flying Carpet. **Race to Nowhere:** "Race to Nowhere" is a documentary highlighting the stress students face in high-pressure academics. It is being shown at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am. Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Nessinger.