

## Central School PTO Meeting – October 3, 2014

**Call to Order** 8:47am in Central School Conference Room

**Minutes** Minutes from the September 5, 2014 meeting approved, motion made by Angela Izzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Niekrasz

### Officers' Reports

#### Co-Presidents – Jessica Niekrasz and Lynda Murphy

Auction: a feedblitz will go out over the weekend to buy tickets online; still seeking donations from parents; event is 11/7/14, at the Riverside Golf Club, tickets are \$50 each, appetizers and an open bar will be available

Directory: almost ready, needs to be posted and password protected **NOTE: teachers are not allowed to give out the parents' emails without their permission**

BOE meeting: the board appointed Juliet Boyd and Rich Regan to fill the vacant seats; the budget was presented and approved; Dr. Sharma-Lewis's Priorities and Goals presentation was reviewed and approved

Yearbook: the form to upload photos is available on the website; yearbooks can be ordered online; the cost for grades K-4 is \$16, 5<sup>th</sup> grade is \$20

#### 1<sup>st</sup> VPs – Amy Hill and Paula Fudacz

Cultural Arts and Library signups: All information has gone out and sign ups are going on; supplies for Cultural Arts are in the closet, the key is in the office, and you can be reimbursed for your own supplies up to \$20

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs – John Ralph

Chicago Steel Night: a fundraising opportunity; \$10 ticket (\$3 goes to Central), a locker room tour, parents can participate in a 50/50 raffle (50% goes to winner, 50% goes to school), players can visit the school; checking to see if Sunday February 23 is available

Fall Philanthropy: Motion made by Angela Izzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Jacksic to increase the budget from \$1500 to \$2000; the following requests were approved:

- *Mr. Howes – Remo 100 Series Tubano Drums (3) (\$600)*
- *Mrs. Nolan – Dewey Decimal Display for LRC (\$250-300)*
- *Ms. Neal – Classroom library (\$250)*
- *Mrs. Musgrave – flash cards and math games (\$300)*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> grade team – iPod microphones and Unifix cubes (\$300)*

*The line item for Nurse Chap's air purifier was removed and would come from the school's building funds, not PTO philanthropy*

Motion to approve the above requests was made by John Ralph, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anna Lee

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Anna Lee**

Calendars: Still on sale in the office \$5

Veteran's Day Reception: starts at 1:45 on November 11 in the Hauser Auditorium; there is a reception for Veterans afterwards

### **Treasurer – Martha Curiel (given by Angela Izzo)**

Auction: spent \$989.21 so far on the DJ and art supplies

100% Fund: collected about \$3700 so far

Family Fun Night: is projected to be about \$28 over budget; *dunk tank raised \$545 for Denise Swallow – Thanks!!*

Accountant: discussed leaving our accountant and doing paperwork ourselves, but decided to stay with an accountant and keep doing the current paperwork (to help keep our transparency), will ask current accountant if they'd like to keep us as a client

### **Other Business**

#### **Ben Sells – Village President**

Ben came to promote Riverside Ride happening on Oct 4; a police escort bike around the village for kids, promote bike safety

Ben also talked about the referendum coming up at the November 4 election; this will cover street repairs for 10 years; \$8 million are needed, the referendum will provide 1/3 of the funding; it is property tax neutral; a sewer study was also done, and sewer and street repairs could be coordinated

#### **Nancy Dvorak and Robin Benoy – AAUW**

Robin and Nancy came to promote AAUW (American Association of University Women) AAUW promotes education for women with numerous grants and scholarships; they meet 4 times through the year; their Fall Tea is this Sunday at 2:00 in the Riverside Library; <http://riverside-il.aauw.net/>

#### **Principal's Report – Mr. Pete Gatz**

Education Committee meeting: will be October 7; will discuss ISAT performance last year and student performance; students did very well; meeting will be held with all teachers to discuss students that are not meeting expectations; math intervention will start earlier this year

Parent University: the video from Parent University will be posted on You Tube

Fall Assesments: finished; CoGAt testing starting in 3 weeks

October Parent Conference: by invite only

Fall Conferences: for all students the week of Thanksgiving

### **Teachers' Representative – Mrs. Samantha Lutz (given by Mr. Gatz)**

Friday, October 10: No school

Wednesday, October 15: Wacky hair day

Friday, October 31: Students dismissed at 11:30, return to school at 1 for the Mad scientist assembly, then class parties

### **Committee Reports**

Environmental Concerns (Jaqueline Miller): work on reducing waste and increasing recycling; send a note to the lead room parents to send to their class parents for ideas to reduce waste at lunch and class parties such as buying paper products, zero waste lunches; maybe PTO could provide paper products for classrooms to use? Got in touch with the waste management people and found out D96 can recycle everything from paper to plastic, need to look into bins that were in the district a few years ago; check out the website <http://schools.mightynest.com/> for products that are environmentally healthy, and can also be a fundraising opportunity

Hike and Bike Week: turn in raffle tickets, drawing next week

Original Works: coming home today or Monday; due 10/17

Innisbrook: last day is today; made our \$7000 goal! We have about \$3169 profit

Flying Carpet Club (Aberdeen Ozga): a lunch program that goes for 10 weeks in the winter for grades 2-5, 8 weeks for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, from January to spring break; meets 1 day per week to talk about a book they've read and use activities to relate to the story; training begins in Nov for parent volunteers, student sign up in December, get underway in January; training will be 11/6 and 11/10 at noon

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15am**