Central School PTO Meeting November 5, 2013

Call to Order 7pm in the Central School Library.

Minutes October 11, 2013 minutes were approved.

Officers Reports Co-Presidents' Report

<u>Yearbooks</u> Order forms will be sent home with children this week. Orders will be accepted until Feb. 7th and the cost of the yearbook is \$16. We will not be offering any upgrade options on the yearbook. Email Lynda if you have photos for inclusion in the yearbook that you would like to upload to the yearbook website.

<u>2013-14 Directory</u> Mr. Gatz emailed login information this week for the school directory. The directory is a searchable pdf file.

<u>Cultural Arts Website</u> This is active and the old content has been removed. Lynda shared that the new content makes presenting incredibly easy.

4th/5th Grade Sock Hop: This will take place on 12/13 in the Central gym. It will run from 3:05-4pm and all students who will attend need a signed parent permission slip that will be sent out via feedblitz.

<u>Board of Education Recap</u> Jessica attended last month and reiterated the issues surrounding technology highlighted in the newspaper recently.

1st VPs' Report

<u>Teacher Holiday Gifts</u>: Paula_will send out an email in late November/early December about collecting.

2nd VP's Report

Social Work Fund Lynda reported that the school social worker inquired about submitting philanthropy requests for Central students who do not have the financial means to purchase a warm winter coat. We agreed that with the social worker overseeing these requests that we will designate the line item formerly used to keep extra breakfast bars on hand for students in the office as a Social Work Fund that we can use for any winter coat requests.

3rd VPs Report

<u>Veteran's Day Reception</u>: This is on November 11th and will run from 2:45-3:45pm in the cafeteria.

<u>Staff Conference Meal</u>: This will take place on 11/25 during parent teacher conferences. <u>Specials Collection</u>: An email will be sent out in early December about a holiday collection for all non-teaching personnel.

Treasurer's Report

Fundraising is up this year over the same time last year. Our net income is close to \$6,000 for the year.

Parliamentarian Report:

Bylaw amendment: Sue suggested that our bylaw amendment that will allow a mechanism to approve an increase in an existing budget line item in order to make a payment to a committee head for a reimbursement that went "over budget" after the last PTO meeting of the year, not have any reference to an exact dollar amount. This would allow the Family Fun Night chair to send deposits out for bounce houses/cotton candy etc before the first PTO meeting of the year. Motion: A motion was made by Amy Hill to approve the bylaw amendment. Kim Macchia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

<u>Innisbrook</u>: Angela shared that we sold \$10,289 of product in 2012 and we sold \$10,381 this year.

<u>Original Works</u>: Orders were sent out today and we hope to have them back after Thanksgiving break.

<u>Science Fair</u>: Amy Jacksic shared that we have 180 kids entered this year vs. 145 two years ago with 137 experiments being presented vs. 106 two years ago.

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Lutz shared that report cards and MAP scores will be sent home with students on Friday, November 22. The K-3rd grade Holiday Program is scheduled for December 16.

Principal's Report

The Common Core Alignment Team has started their meetings. The three substitutes covering for maternity leave teachers will be announced soon after school board approval is received.

Mr. Gatz will be sending out a reminder about the school food policy. No homemade food items are permitted to be sent into school. All food items sent in must be accompanied by the list of ingredients.

Other Announcements

Aimee McNally shared information on a recruiting event being held by the Riverside Junior Woman's Charity at the Riverside Tap Room on November 20th at 730p

Upcoming events:

January 13-17 Central Book Fair

January 16 Winter Wonderland Social

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Jacksic, Secretary.