

**Central PTO Monthly Meeting  
October 12, 2012, 8:30 a.m.**

**Call to Order** 9:00 a.m. at the Central School Library.

Present: Amy Jacksic, Lynda Murphy, Sue Pipal, Angela Izzo, Kim Macchia, Jessica Niekrasz, Aberdeen Ozga, Mary Komperda, Jennifer Sedivy, Jen Gentile, Dr. Limperis, Meg O'Brien, Samantha Lutz.

**Minutes** A motion to approve the September 14, 2012 minutes was made by Angela Izzo. Jessica Niekrasz seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Officers Reports**

**Co-Presidents' Report**

PTO Storage: The storage move is scheduled for Monday, October 14 at 8:30 a.m. All items will be moved to the attic.

PTO Meeting Times will be moved to 8:30 a.m. However, due to the election, the November 6 meeting will be moved to November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

On-line Directory: is up and running.

Central Re-dedication: will be held on October 16 at 5:30 p.m. There will be tours by the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will perform.

Book Fair: Over \$6,000 worth of books were awarded to Central School.

**1<sup>st</sup> VPs Report**

Committee Chairs: Kindergarden PM still needs a room parent. This classroom will need help with parties and cultural arts without a room parent.

**Treasurer's Report**

Angela Izzo summarized the highlights. The month of September had a net deficit of \$1,115. The financial report was circulated. Family Fun Night came in under budget. The room parent gathering at Dana Tomas' home was also under budget. The roller skating party and ice skating party would like to include skate rentals in the event. Therefore there were two motions to increase the budgets for these events:

**Motion: To increase the budget for the roller skating party by \$350, made by Jessica, seconded by Kim Macchia. Unanimously approved.**

**Motion: To increase the budget for the ice skating party by \$250. Made by Jessica, seconded by Sue Pipal. Motion unanimously approved.**

Burlington Realty sponsored the water bottles for Hike and Bike week. However, we would like to increase the budget to include the cost of the apple treats that were given to the children on Friday and for the spirit wear prizes by \$400.

**Motion: To increase the budget for Hike and Bike week by \$400. Made by Aberdeen, seconded by Katie Leander. Motion unanimously approved.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> VP's Report**

Philanthropy: We will solicit ideas with a deadline of October 26 and vote on Philanthropy requests at the November meeting. Both parents and teachers/staff can make requests and turn those into the PTO box in the office.

The membership thanked the Niekrasz family for their financial support of the Matt Wilhelm anti-bullying bike show.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> VP's Report**

Calendars: All calendars have been sold.

Veterans' Day Program: The Veterans' Day Program will be Nov. 9 at 1:30. The police department will not ticket for the Veterans Day Program.

## **Parliamentarian's Report**

Update Bylaws/Standing Rules: Aberdeen presented the second notice of a bylaw change. Because we do not have any authority under the current bylaws to make a donation for retirement or bereavement for the passing of a member of the family of the faculty/staff, Aberdeen proposed an amendment to the bylaws.

**A motion to amend the bylaws to include the ability to make a donation for bereavement was made by Angela. Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Committee Reports**

Auction: Lynda reported that the auction would be held at the Riverside Golf Club. Tickets are \$50 each for parents and members of the public, \$25 each for teachers. Your name will be held at the door, there is no paper ticket. Donations are being accepted, and today is the deadline for donations. Mrs. Mathis has been working with the RAC on the kid's art project for auction.

Innisbrook Sales: ended this week. Sales topped \$10,000.

Kids Art: Jen Gentile reported that kids art would continue until October 22.

Target Fundraising: Katie Leander reported that a feedblitz would go out before Christmas shopping season. Target no longer offers a Visa card, only a debit or Target credit card. We will receive a check for \$1700 for last year.

Public Relations: The Suburban Life printed a picture from the Matt Wilhelm performance. Katie is trying to get publicity on the upcoming RAIN event.

Grant Writing: we will apply for a Target grant for the fourth grade field trip.

Family Fun Night: was a big success. Fuseball was a great idea, and the extra lights were excellent. Paisans was a very good vendor. A big thanks to Amy Hill and Molly Grant.

Hike and Bike Week: will raffle off one Central Spirit Wear t-shirt per grade.

Spirit Wear: begins October 24. Diane Grossi is using a new vendor. A discussion was had about getting sample sizes for inspection in the school office.

RAIN: There will be a resource fair in North Riverside Commons on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The speaker will talk on executive functioning skills at 10:00 a.m. Teachers are working on an imovie about what to expect during an IEP process. Amy suggested the movie be shown at a school board meeting. At the next BOE, Sue Gallagher will give a report on what LASDE found as it relates to the special education study group

Halloween Play: play is written and in production.

Halloween Windows: will take place tomorrow. Pre-sign up is required with \$1.

Roller Skating Party: is at Fleetwood Roller Rink today.

BOE Report: Sue Pipal reported that the BOE believes school will start on a normal start date next August.

**Principal's Report**: Dr. Limperis reported that CoGAT testing starts next week. This is a paper and pencil test, so the students are less likely to rush. It is important they get a good night sleep and a good breakfast. November 20 is teacher institute day. The teachers will have a speaker, Gretchen Courtney, on the core curriculum. The second half of the day will be spent on the social and emotional curriculum.

**Librarian Report**: Patty Prodanich, a library information specialist is the new librarian at Central, with Mrs. Nolan. The new goal of the library is to try to get students to be good researchers. There is also a global connections component, as a way to connect with others through technology. Check out for library will be very different for grades 1-5. Each grade will have 1 hour a week to check out books. There will be a short video explaining how this works and a pod cast with the ebackpack next week. Parents can do reading activities in the classroom and they can also volunteer to walk the students to the library. This will give a student multiple opportunities to get books during the week. If a child has a book, he/she can return it early. The book collection was pared down.

**Teacher Representative Report**: Mrs. Lutz reported that MAP testing was completed in one week. She stated we should encourage our children to take the time to read the questions and not click quickly through the test with the mouse. Halloween has an early dismissal, with a return at 1:00 for the play, parade and parties. The teachers and staff have been trained on technology and all classrooms are connected. The classroom system has a

document camera and interactive pens for the white board. Also, there is a speaker system in each classroom. Teachers enjoyed the Matt Wilhelm assembly.

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Pipal, the Recording Secretary.