

**Central School PTO Meeting
February 10, 2015**

Call to Order 7pm in the Central School library

Minutes January 9, 2015 minutes were not approved due to absence of Secretary at meeting. They will be voted on and approved at March 13, 2015 meeting.

Special Guests

School Board candidates including Juliet Boyd, Dan Hunt, Shari Klyber, Robert McCormack, Jeff Miller, Lynda Murphy and Rich Regan were in attendance and shared their reasons for wanting to serve on the D96 school board.

Officers Reports

Co-Presidents' Report

Nominating Committee: Tracy Bohrer, Lynda Murphy and Angela Izzo (alternate) were nominated from the PTO Executive Board to serve on the Nominating Committee and Marisa Kirsch, Melissa Porter, Heather Manning and Jeanine Vaia (alternate) were nominated from the General Membership.

A motion was made by Jennie Hepker Royer to approve the slate and Amy Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kindergarten Information Night: will take place on 3/5

Yearbooks: Yearbooks are on sale through the end of the school year. Lynda is still looking for photos and a link is available on the PTO website explaining how to upload photo submissions. The yearbook will need to be completed and submitted to Lifetouch for printing by the second week of April.

Adult Social: It has been rescheduled for Friday, 3/6 at Marlin's. It is requested that you RSVP online and it will cost \$20 at the door. This is not a fundraiser.

Artist in Residence: It is on the school calendar for 2/23-2/27 but an artist has not been secured yet. We are in discussion with a water color artist and if that falls through we may do an activity with the Riverside Arts Center to ensure that dollars raised through fundraising this year are spent on the children currently enrolled at Central.

School Supplies for 2015-2016: We are discussing placing an order for school supplies as an entire district instead of as individual schools to ensure that we are getting the best possible prices. If this happens, supplies will most likely be picked up at Hauser in the gym.

Science in a Can: It starts next week for grades K, 2 and 4. Mr. Gatz is allowing parent volunteers to demonstrate a science experience in each of those grades next week to generate excitement.

1st VPs' Report

Nothing to report

2nd VP's Report

Mighty Nest Fundraiser: Jacqueline Miller, Environmental Concerns chair, shared that Mighty Nest is a company out of Evanston that sells reusable lunch items as a fundraiser. After \$100 worth of items has been purchased, 15% of all sales will be returned to Central in the form of a check. She shared that the items are high quality, prices are competitive with amazon.com and the website is easy to use. We agreed that this is something that we should pursue and Jacqueline will send a feedblitz to Lynda and Jessica to begin promoting it.

Chicago Steel Outing: Scheduled for 2/2 and forms are due on 2/11 if you want to attend.

Philanthropy: Spring philanthropy requests are currently being accepted from both staff and parents. Forms will be shared via feedblitz.

3rd VPs Report

Girls on the Run: Anna Lee is investigating bringing a Girls on the Run chapter to Central. It would not be PTO sponsored though we would consider covering any costs associated with having parent volunteers "certified". She is looking for two additional parents willing to lead the afterschool running program with her. Curriculum is provided by Girls on the Run.

Treasurer's Report

Budget highlights: We have \$32,153 as of the end of January.

Parliamentarian

Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Fifth Grade Activities: Angela met with Patti Friend to discuss responsibilities. The t-shirt design contest will begin soon so that shirts will be ready to wear on 4/10.

Plunge Into Fitness: This program for tickets to Raging Waves begins on 2/16

Read to Succeed: Reading Logs for the free tickets to Great America are due by 2/20.

Teacher Representative

Mr. Gatz reported for Mrs. Lutz in her absence that the teachers are grateful for the Scholastic Book Fair funds provided to them to purchase books for their classrooms. Teacher conferences by invite only will take place on Friday, 2/13, an Institute Day.

Principal's Report

Mr. Gatz shared that the PARCC test will be administered from March 9-20th and kids will never take more than one test a day. A second round of PARCC testing will take place in April or May and we will not receive results until next fall. Teachers have been asked not to give homework during the week of PARCC to allow kids a break after a long day of testing.

Staff members will now be wearing a lanyard identification tag with their photo on it. Substitute teachers will be required to wear a different colored lanyard for easy identification. Parent volunteers will be expected to pick up a different colored lanyard identifying them as a non-school employee in the school office upon signing in.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes submitted by Amy Jacksic on behalf of Tracy Bohrer, Recording, Secretary.