

**Central School PTO Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

Introduction: The meeting began at 7:00 pm in the school library. In attendance were Samantha Durst, Jeannine Glavas, Allyn Pilewski, Jeanine Vaia, Patrick O'Laughlin, Tracy Sloan and Kate Nessinger.

Minutes: Samantha Durst made a motion to approve the October 8, 2010 meeting minutes. Jeanine Vaia seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Officer's Reports:

Co-Presidents' Report - Jeannine Glavas congratulated everyone on a successful fund raiser, Starry Nights, which was held last Friday.

1st VP's Report - Tracy Sloan explained the 2 sets of electronic communication from the PTO to the parents. Tracy stated that the Committee Chairs will be given an outline explaining E- Backpack and feedblitz. Tracy reported that she will be communicating to all Lead Room Parents regarding holiday donations for teachers and aides. Gift cards will be given to all through Riverside Bank. There also will be a notification by Jeanine Vaia of collections for all professional staff.

Treasurer's Report -Patrick O'Laughlin reviewed the October 31, 2010 statement stating that fundraising is now showing net amounts. Family Fun Night cost only \$908.00 when it was budgeted for \$1,200.00. Hike N Bike Week earned \$9 even though it is not a fundraiser. Patrick reminded us to get check requests in to him. Patrick reported that we have a healthy account balance of \$39,486.00. Playground landscaping money, \$9,000, will be taken out of the account in the next month or so.

Auction: Samantha Durst thanked all who came, contributed and volunteered for the Auction. Money was raised through ticket sales, brochure sales, general donations and wine sales. \$12,550.25 was raised. Stefanie Dockendorf reported that 128 people attended which was 28 more than the 100 count goal. \$500.00 was made from wine sales alone. \$173.00 was raised to frame the Van Gogh print for the school. Teacher donations made over \$5,000.00. \$1,700.00 was made from the sale of the student art. \$750.00 was bid on the wine tasting in a Frank Lloyd Wright House. Samantha reported that they are still reconciling the books, finding space to store items such as banners, flowers etc that can be used if the auction is held again. Recommendations are being written down for future auctions. It was noted that Ames School has a raffle during their auction that earns them \$7,000.00. Ames holds their auction every 4 years. Samantha mentioned that few Kindergarten parents came to the event. No decisions have been made as to when to hold another auction.

Innisbrook: Samantha Durst reported that the Innisbrook products are delivered. She hoped to earn \$4,000.00 and profited just under \$7,000.00. She owes this success to the students being excited and competitive about selling. This fundraiser made much more than last year. Sam is looking for someone to chair Innisbrook next year.

3rd VP: Jeanine Vaia thanked all who came to Mrs. Kustok's memorial and reported that over 100 people attended. A memorial plaque is being placed in the Reading Garden. It will be raised on a stake facing the circle. Jeanine reported that the Veteran's Day program will be held on November 11 at 10:15 in Hauser auditorium. There will be a

reception in the Central Gymnasium following the program. Jeanine asked that anyone who has not yet received a directory to please contact her. Jeanine informed us that the PTO provides a dinner for the teachers during the Parent Teacher Conference night. There is a sign up sheet to volunteer for set up, clean up and providing side dishes. Jeanine reported that a Holiday collection is being taken for 30 Central staff members that are not teachers. Gift cards will be purchased December 1. Voluntary donations are being collected in the PTO box. A motion was made by Michelle Marconi to take \$235.00 from the philanthropy fund to cover half the cost of the Jeanie Kustok's memorial plaque. Patrick O'Laughlin seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jeanine reported that we will be welcoming a new Quest teacher, Mrs. Kristoff, and the PTO is sending a card and flowers to her. A motion was made by Allyn Pilewski to take \$125.00 from the philanthropy fund to pay for framing a Mary Cassatt print in honor of Mrs. Jeanie Kustok. The motion was seconded by Samantha Durst. The motion passed.

Principal's Report: Dr. Limperis reported that they are happy to have Cara Kristoff as the new Quest teacher and the kids are enjoying her. Mrs. Swanson and Dr. Limperis met with the students who were eager to get back to Quest classes. There will be a Crisis Drill Friday at all elementary schools at 2:00. Students return to the closest room where they see an adult. Parent Teacher Conferences are on Monday, November 22nd.

November 23 is a Teacher Institute Day. Teachers will be learning about technology and have presentations on IPods. Apple Computer has invited various school districts in the nation for training and Central has been selected. Apple will visit here. Fourth graders are using iPads and other grades are using IPods. A feedblitz will be sent out about safety discouraging parents who have been stopping in the second lane in front of the school to let out children to cross traffic.

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Gale Teune reported for Samantha Lutz thanking us for what has been done for the teachers during this tragic time with Jeanie Kustock. Mrs. Teune stated it was especially nice to be able to eat lunch together. Mrs. Teune reported that Mrs. Lutz was our biggest advocate for the Auction and encouraged all teachers to participate. Mrs. Teune read a letter from a student happy with the new blacktop stencils. Mrs. Teune reminded us to have children wear jackets on these cooler days. The lost and found bins are full. Winter Closet will open again on Monday morning for children who need warm outerwear.

Committee Reports:

Fundraisers: Riverside Foods-Jane Wilhelm reminded everyone that Riverside Food cards give back 5% to the PTO. The year end goal is \$800.00 and we have made \$126.00 to date. Collections are due on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Cards are delivered to your house. The 100% fund is at \$6,000.00. **Target:** Samantha Durst encouraged us all to sign up for Target cards benefiting the school. Last year we had 39 cards and now we have 28. Sam believes we lost these due to families moving on to Hauser. **Grants:** Dr Limperis reported that they resubmitted a grant with Hollywood school and were awarded \$3,000.00 for Brian Fox Ellis, Artist in Residence.

Cultural Arts: Allyn Pilewski reported that there is enough money in the budget to frame 6 prints. A painting adoption program is forthcoming. There are a total of 36 paintings.

Flexible Boundary Schedule: Jeannine Glavas reported that Policy Recommendations from the Flexible Boundary Committee to the Board Of Education will be read on November 11 at 7:00 at Hauser Library.

Flying Carpet Club: Aberdeen Ozga reported that a volunteer sign up sheet is being passed and that the club doesn't start until January. The group meets at lunch time for 10 weeks to read Great Books and participate in an activity. Student sign up is late November/early December.

Book Fair: Amy Jacksic reported that a sign up sheet is being passed. The Fair will take place in the Hauser gymnasium on Friday, February 4. 75 volunteers are needed.

Other Business: On November 16 is a RBHS Parent/Student Faculty Concert. There is a week off at Thanksgiving. There will be no PTO meeting in December. PTO will meet again on Friday, January 14 at 9:00. Samantha Durst reported that the PTO is selling 2 freezers which were used for Market Days.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Kate Nessinger, Recording Secretary.