

Central School PTO Minutes
Friday, October 8, 2010

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:09 am in the school library. PTO officers in attendance were Allyn Pilewski, Jeannine Glavas, Samantha Durst, Jeanine Vaia, Patrick O’Laughlin, Sue Pipal, Tracy Sloan, Erin Durkin and Kate Nessinger.

Minutes: Erin Durkin made a motion to approve the September 10, 2010 minutes. Jeanine Vaia seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Officers’ Reports:

Co-Presidents’ Report: Jeannine Glavas discussed how the school community was greatly affected by the tragic loss of gifted teacher, Mrs. Kustock, last week. So many have asked about what type of arrangements the PTO and school are making; because this deserves full attention, it will be discussed at the end of the Agenda.

1st VP’s Report: Tracy Sloan reported that Family Fun Night had far more families attend than did last year. There were many volunteers offering assistance throughout the event.

Treasurer’s Report: Patrick O’Laughlin reported that the 100% fund exceeded \$3,500.00 last month. We have netted \$4,500.00 so far this school year. Riverside Foods gift cards have brought in \$45. Burlington Realty, sponsor for Hike and Bike week, more than covered the expenses of that event. Family Fun Night only cost PTO \$480.00; \$1,200.00 was budgeted.

2nd VP’s Report: Sue Pipal reported for Kim Perry on the Target Fundraiser. Kim has set up a raffle for those who sign up for the Target Red Card before the November PTO meeting. The raffle prize is a book of Central lunch tickets. Target is now offering a 5% discount when the Red Card is used.

3rd VP’s Report: Jeanine Vaia reported that the Student Directory will be delivered by the end of next week. It took longer to complete this year because each family who did not fill out the information sheet was contacted. Jeanine stated that the teachers had provided brownies and cookies for this meeting to show appreciation for the luncheons we provided last week.

Committee Reports:

Fundraisers:

Innisbrook - Samantha Durst stated that the Innisbrook fund raiser exceeded its budgetary goal of \$4,000. More income is expected. Sam credited this success to getting the students motivated to win prizes.

Original Works - Jen Gentile reported that the Original Works packets are out and due on October 29. She encouraged everyone to purchase at minimum a \$6 magnet.

Starry Nights - Samantha Durst stated that \$350.00 has been spent on the brochure for the auction. Ticket sales have been trickling in. Sam reported that the committee is looking for donations of baskets.

Riverside Scrip - Jane Wilhelm explained that Riverside Foods donates %5 of card amount back to the PTO. The program has now raised \$82.50. Forms are in the office or can be downloaded from the PTO web page.

100% Fund - Jane Wilhelm reported that the fundraiser goal is \$6,000.00. We have raised \$3,800.00 so far from 24 families.

Flexible Boundary: Greg Nessinger explained that in 2002 a policy was put into place to even out the classroom sizes between the District 96 schools. Greg invited everyone to the November 11, 7:00 pm meeting at Hauser library to go over the recommendations of the Flexible Boundary Committee. These are recommendations that will be given to the school board. The recommendations include having a class size policy with automatic override for a class size when dealing with siblings in the same school.

First Grade Blacktop Stenciling: Greg Nessinger reported that he is waiting for a dry weekend to paint 6 stencils, hopscotch etc on the first graders' recess blacktop. He is seeking volunteers to paint.

Zero Waste Kickoff Week: Dawn Gmitro stated that a consultant of Allied Waste looked at the waste created during lunch time at Hauser and Central. Dawn reported that the consultant was impressed with how little change was needed. The consultant will put together a list of improvements that can be made.

Halloween Play: Dawn Gmitro reported for Angie Cary that the Halloween play put on by the PTO parents for the students will be performed the Friday, October 29. There is a small part in the play available and help is needed backstage.

Artists in Residence: Dawn Gmitro stated that Brian Fox Ellis, the storyteller, will be working with students here and at Hollywood school from March 14-25. Each grade chooses a curriculum. There will be an assembly and storytelling in the classroom. Dawn is seeking a place for Fox Ellis to stay while he is here. Help may be needed in the classroom.

Cultural Arts: Allyn Pilewski showed an example of how 36 paintings/prints may all similarly be framed with Plexiglas, a thin black frame and labeled; re-framing will start with 6 or 7. Sponsorship for framing is available by individuals. The cost is \$100.00-\$150.00 per picture. The Higgins glass tree at the school entrance is broken; it is being fixed and cleaned. A plaque is being made for an American flag from the Iraq war. Allyn and Molly Carl had a Cultural Arts presentation. Allyn reminded us not to forget to sign out paintings for the presentations. This is done on a calendar in the Cultural Arts closet.

Creative Learning Committee: Mary Komperda reported that this committee is having its second meeting next Friday morning. The committee encourages inclusion of those with disabilities and reaches out to students, teachers and the community. The committee is currently deciding on goals and defining the group. One goal is to offer resources in district school libraries to aid parents and teachers in discussions about disabilities with the children/students. The committee has a representative from each school including St. Marys, Hauser, Riverside Brookfield and also for those children placed outside the district due to his/her disability.

Hike and Bike Week: Jeannine Glavas reported that Hike and Bike Week ends today and that all students will receive a water bottle.

Roller Skating Party: Jeannine Glavas reported that the PTO is hosting a roller skating party today from 1:00-3:00 at the Lombard Roller Rink

Grants: Jennifer Hepker Royer reported that she submitted a \$4,000.00 Lowes grant for the Cultural Arts framing project A \$1,000.00 Riverside township grant has been submitted to support the Artist in Residence program. Jennifer stated that there are many grants available and that she may be able to secure a grant for something as simple as organizational improvements in the teacher's lounge or office, if there is interest.

Other Business: Samantha Durst stated that Stephanie Dockendorf, P.R. Communications Committee, is available to prepare flyers for any committee in need. Sam reported that Chris Hajer pulls information from E-Backpack to send out on feedblitz. The District will share email addresses with the PTO. Please submit communications by Friday for a Wednesday feedblitz posting. Jeannine Glavas reported that the school community was greatly affected by the death of Mrs. Jeanie Kustok. The PTO provided 2 luncheons for the teachers and staff, one on Friday and one on Monday. The Village Pub provided a 50% discount as the owner is an Ames/Hauser parent. The Olive Garden provided a \$50 gift card. Flowers, soda and dessert were donated by individual PTO parents. Flowers were sent to the wake and funeral on behalf of the PTO. The total cost to the PTO for these items was \$480.65. Jeanine Vaia made a motion to have the \$480.65 amount reimbursed from the Philanthropy Fund. Dawn Gmitro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Teacher Representative's Report: Mrs. Lutz thanked the PTO for the luncheons saying all the teachers appreciated the support. Mrs. Lutz reported that parent teacher conferences are today. There will be more conferences in November.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Meg O'Brien reported for Dr Limperis. Mrs. O'Brien thanked the PTO for its kindness and support following the death of Mrs. Kustok. There will be a Memorial on October 14 for the District 96 staff in the auditorium with a reception afterward. There will be another service on October 28 from 4:00-5:00 at the reading garden. The yearbook this year will be dedicated to Jeanie Kustok. Mrs. O'Brien informed us that Westchester school district had a similar experience and they sent a card. Central staff also received condolences from St Mary's school and Hauser. There will be information coming in feedblitz regarding a memorial book for Mrs Kustok.

The meeting ended with a moment of silence in honor of Mrs. Jeanie Kustok.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Kate Nessinger, Recording Secretary