

## Central School PTO Meeting – March 6, 2015

**Call to order** 8:51 am Central School conference room  
Present: Lynda Murphy, Jessica Niekrasz, John Ralph, Paula Fudacz, Tracy Bohrer, Angela Izzo, Anna Lee  
Absent: Martha Curiel, Amy Hill

**Minutes** January 2015 and February 2015 minutes approved; motion made by John Ralph, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Fudacz

### Officers' Reports

#### Co-Presidents – Lynda Murphy and Jessica Niekrasz

Officer nominations: motion made by John Ralph, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Macchia; approved

- Co-presidents – Heather Manning and Tracy Bohrer
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Aimee McNally and Jennie Hepker Royer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – John Ralph
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Anna Lee
- Secretary – Kim Cimino
- Treasurer – Martha Curiel
- Parliamentarian – Lynda Murphy

Adult Social: tonight at Marlins; almost 40 RSVPs; \$20 at the door for food and drink; 7:30-9:30

School Supplies: we will be ordering as a district from Write Stuff (<https://www.write-stuff.com>); kits can be shipped to home and can be ordered in the summer, also have the option to pick which supplies you need

Student council: Central's student council is having a school supply drive for refugees; only new supplies will be accepted; part of an Eagle Scout service project; collection through 3/13

End of year book fair: One day only, Tues, May 5; all books are buy one get one free; there will be no social, but the book fair will be open all day and close between 7 and 8pm; no teacher or kid wish lists

Talent Show: chair is Gretchen Reyes, show scheduled for 5/28 at 6:30; no day time show

#### 1<sup>st</sup> VPs – Paula Fudacz and Amy Hill

Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon: will be moved to the week before or week after PARCC testing since library will be busy with testing; other teacher celebrations will happen throughout the week (week of 5/4)

#### Treasurer – Martha Curiel (Angela Izzo)

January Book Fair: motion made to amend book fair budget from \$200 to \$400 for next year; 1<sup>st</sup> Paula Fudacz and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Niecrasz; approved

Cultural Arts field trips: amend budget for this year only, to pay for transportation and admission for field trips, amount is \$1800; 1<sup>st</sup> John Ralph, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paula Fudacz; passed

- Kindergarten: walking trip to Riverside Art Center
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Chicago Symphony Orchestra 5/1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Rock'n Roll Alice 4/28
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: walking tour of Riverside
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Frank Lloyd Wright tour in Oak Park
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Art Institute and Architectural Walking tour

Screen Free Week: paid \$175 for Journey from the Heart event at the Riverside Public Library

Target: received a check for about \$850

End of year book fair budget: adding a line item for end of year book fair budget of \$300; 1<sup>st</sup> Paula Fudacz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Niecrasz; passes

Farm to Table: Amy Jaksic and Sue Pipal are getting pricing for a healthy snack from the Farmers Market – honey sticks; they will check on allergies and pricing

## **2<sup>nd</sup> VP – John Ralph**

Chicago Steel: event earned us \$91; will put it on the calendar for next year to get a better turnout

Philanthropy: Deadline is March 31; open to parents and teachers; form is online

## **3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Anna Lee**

Retirement gifts: Mrs. Murdock and Mrs. Teune are retiring at the end of the year after 25 years of teaching; the PTO has a budget of \$100 to spend on each of the teachers as a memorial donation to the school

## **Parliamentarian – Angela Izzo**

Insurance: We need to get a certificate of Insurance for Screen Free Week at the Riverside Swim Club, and for 5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic at Scouts Cabin and/or Big Ball Park; Mr. Gatz suggests contacting Sue Moorhead

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade games night:** Hashtag theme finalized; winner and runners up of the T-shirt contest will be announced today and designs put in yearbook

**Artist in Residence:** possibility for a watercolorist to come, grades 3-5 would discuss a poem in class, the artist would have an assembly and show the kids different techniques in painting the poem and the kids

would paint in art class; cost is about \$2000; if it doesn't happen this year, we could use it next year and try to open it up to all grades; Mr. Gatz would prefer to have AIR in January or February because of the testing schedule

**Pavers:** on sale in the spring; contact Andrea Hall

**Plunge into Fitness:** kids log 25 hours of physical activity and earn a ticket to Great America; forms can be downloaded from PTO site and are due by 4/13

**Yearbook:** the final product is due by 4/6, so upload pictures soon!

**Principal and teacher update:** the 5 essentials survey is still live, need 20% of the parents to participate, we have 16%, deadline is 3/19; PARCC testing will start next week, teachers have been asked not to send homework home, hopefully all goes smoothly; registration info will be coming soon, toying with the idea of having walk in registration a few days in June and a few days in August

**Meeting adjourned at 10:10am**