

## Central School PTO Meeting – November 4, 2014

**Call to Order** 7:04pm in Central School Conference Room

**Minutes** Minutes from the October 3, 2014 meeting approved, motion made by Anna Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Fudacz

### Officers' Reports

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

Auction: auction is ready to go; so far 96 tickets have sold; 86 items to be auctioned off; proceeds go to fund the Artist in Residence program and the Science Fair

Directory: up and running

Halloween costume/candy collection: handled by Jacqueline Miller; there are boxes in the entry way of the school to collect candy to send to the troops and costumes will be donated to the Hephzibah organization; collections will last the week after Halloween

Artist in Residence (AIR): Looking for ideas for AIR in for Spring 2015; for all grades or grades 3-5; would like it to be an art based experience, not product driven; if you have ideas contact Lauren Breit

Talent Show: Chair person needed; if no chair is found by spring Break, the Talent show will be cancelled

BOE: this was the first meeting for the new board members; the contract negotiating has been announced; approved Comcast to improve the infrastructure and bandwidth, the upgrades should be completed by January 1, 2015

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

Teacher holiday gifts: an email will go out to the lead room parents right before Thanksgiving asking for voluntary donations; also will be done for the para professionals and the specials staff

#### 2nd VP – John Ralph

White Fence Farm: Paula – we need to pick a date, looking at December 4, flyer will go home in E-backpack

Chicago Steel: Sunday, February 22 at 3:30; families can buy the \$8 ticket (\$3 going to Central) or the \$11 ticket with (\$5.50 going to Central) – this ticket

includes a locker room tour; Steel players will come out the school a week or 3 before the game; 50/50 raffle is possible

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Anna Lee**

Veteran's Day: Program is at 1:45 with a small reception for the Veterans afterwards

Staff meal: November 24 at 3:30; the PTO will provide pizza, salad, sides and drinks

Kids Care: collection will take place at the Holdiay concert; proceeds will go to gift cards for Central families in need

### **Treasurer – Martha Curiel**

Family Fun Night: there is an average of \$146, this will come out of the Children's Activity Fund

100% Fund: we are about \$180 from our goal of \$4000

Innisbrook: waiting on an invoice

Fall philanthropy: we have spent \$1344 of our budgeted \$1500

Target: check is missing; will wait a little longer for it to come

Screen free week: Matt Wilhelm will come, his fee is \$475 and will come from the Children's Activity Grant; we can use the Swim club parking lot

### **Committee Reports**

Flying Carpet Club: starting in January for grades 1-5; a lunch time reading group reading the Junior Great books; 2 volunteers are needed for each classroom to lead the discussions; volunteer training will be in November; contact Aberdeen Ozga

Spirit Wear: delivered this week

### **RAIN – Mealnie Koehnen**

RAIN (Riverside Area Inclusion Network) meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 in the quiet room of the Riverside Public Library; the group is hoping to have a committee at each school, right now only at Hollywood and Central; RAIN inclusion awareness week is December 1-5, there will be special activities, book discussions; there is also a resource fair in March 2015 at the Village Hall; there will be resources and services to help all families, not only those with special needs (booths on bullying and anxiety); Pam Shaw, the new director of Special Education, will speak at the next RAIN meeting on Nov 19

**Mr. Gatz** – apologies to parents for the communication outages before Halloween, emails about Halloween safety were lost, now the outages should be minimized; emails so sign up for upcoming P/T conferences will go out Wed or Thurs; MAP testing will start week of 12/3, hopefully grades 4-5 will be testing in the classroom on laptops to minimize the amount of time the library is closed; Common Core teachers are adjusting, still difficult, looking for deficiencies and learning gaps at the Monday meetings, these are very helpful

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm**