

**Central School PTO Meeting
May 10, 2013**

Call to Order 8:40 a.m. in the Central School Library.
Members Present: Amy Jacksic, Lynda Murphy, Angela Izzo, Kim Macchia, Amy Mooney, Sue Pipal, Jessica Niekrasz, Paula Fudacz, Amy Hill, Katie Leander, Jodi Connelly, Jennie Hepker Royer, Kim Bolton, Meg O'Brien, Samantha Lutz, Dr. Janice Limperis

Minutes April 11, 2013 minutes were approved.

PTO Board

Installation of 2013-14 PTO Officers Lynda Murphy and Jessica Niekrasz (Co-Presidents), Paula Fudacz & Amy Mooney (1st VPs), Amy Hill (2nd VP), Kim Macchia (3rd VP), Angela Izzo (Treasurer), Sue Pipal (Parliamentarian) and Amy Jacksic (Secretary) were installed.

PTO Volunteer of the Year Award Jennie Hepker Royer was presented with the PTO Volunteer of the Year award for her many years of work on Science in a Can, her recent work to get the Science Fair brought back to Central and her chairing of the Grants Committee. Her name is now engraved on a plaque hung in the Central Library recognizing this honor.

PTO Staff Person of the Year Award School Secretary, Deborah Catalano, was awarded the Staff Person of the Year Award for being an invaluable contributor to our PTO including participation in the Central Auction as well serving as office support for our many committees including Book Fair and Science Fair just to name a few. She is the glue that holds the school together and serves as a resource for both our children and families. She too has her name engraved on a plaque hanging in the library.

Officers Reports

Co-Presidents' Report

2013-14 Directory Timing is similar to last year. We anticipate receiving the data from the district office in late September and having our Webmaster create an online directory for parent access about a week later. This will continue to be a password-protected directory.

1st VPs' Report

Committee and Room Parent sign up is mostly complete though applications are still trickling in online. Paula also reported that all committee chairs should return an evaluation form for their committee as it helps the chairs for next year. She has not received many to date and she thinks that this is because many committee chairs are willing to serve another year as chair.

Teacher/Staff End of Year Gifts Amy M. will email room parents in a few weeks explaining how to handle this. This has been pushed back a week later than years past owing to school ending later than previous years due to reconstruction.

School Board Meeting: Amy M. reported on the April School Board Meeting. There was a long, detailed discussion about reconstruction that will occur this summer at both

Blythe and Hollywood. There is talk of moving the D96 offices back to Central from North Riverside but that might cause us to displace a classroom to make room for them. The architect was asked to come back with another idea that does not involve displacing a class to another location within the district. They approved increasing 5th grade Math Quest instruction to 5 days a week next year.

2nd VP's Report

Philanthropy: Jessica Niekrasz explained that there were two requests for this trimester:

- (1) Geomodel folding shapes and liquid measurement kits for the four third grade classes at a cost of \$300
- (2) An air purifier for the nurses' office at a cost of \$100

A motion to approve these costs was made by Paul Fudacz and seconded by Jodi Connelly. The motion passed unanimously. These items will be purchased before the end of this school year and be delivered to the appropriate individuals.

Target: Katie Leander reported that we are ahead of our goal from last school year. We will send out a feedblitz reminder before the end of the school year reminding people to register their Target cards so that Central is the beneficiary of donations made due to your credit card purchases.

Box Tops Labels: Angela Izzo reported that to date we have collected \$723 for this school year due to label collection. Last year we collected \$647. You can still bring labels to the school office through the end of the school year. We have purchased a sturdy new label collection container that will be here in the fall for future submissions.

3rd VPs Report Kim Macchia reported that the PTO installation event will take place the evening of May 16 at the Riverside Tap Room. To date she has collected 32 Calendar order forms. This number dropped from last year, which we attribute to more people using the online district calendar. Lynda also pointed out that the Central PTO website has a Google calendar where she manually inputs important dates relevant to Central so that serves as an additional resource if you don't choose to purchase a paper calendar.

Treasurer's Report

Angela Izzo presented figures through May 8 instead of just through April in order to give the membership a better idea of where we stand prior to the end of the school year. She reported that our biggest expenses this month were for end of year activities like the 5th Grade Picnic/T-Shirts, Cultural Arts Field Trips, Screen Free Week and Teacher Appreciation Week. She also noted that we have spent \$8,500 on Philanthropy during this school year. We will still end the year with a solid balance.

Angela is talking to the PTO Bookkeeper about her interest in handling the audit of our books instead of parent volunteers and she will get back to us with the costs associated with that. Angela will schedule a Budget Committee meeting this summer, which needs to be comprised of the current Presidents, immediate past President, Treasurer, 2nd VP and two members of the PTO.

Angela asked for an increase of \$60 to the Artist in Residence budget to allow the chairs to purchase sidewalk chalk to be used during the Redmoon performance on May 18th.

Motion: A motion was made by Jessica Niekrasz to have the PTO cover the cost of the chalk. Paula Fudacz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Parliamentarian Report: No report.

Committee Reports

Artist in Residence: Amy Jacksic reported for the chairs that there will be four 20-minute performances by our 4th grade students with Redmoon during the RAW (Riverside Arts Weekend) on Saturday, May 18th. Mrs. Teune and Ms. Laughlin's classes will arrive at the library at 10am and perform at 10:40am and 12 noon. Mrs. Hogberg and Ms. Turner's classes will arrive at the library at 1pm and perform at 1:30pm and 2:50pm.

Brick Pavers: The Brick Paver fundraising sale is currently going on and will run through May 16th. If you don't purchase your brick now, you will need to wait another year for an opportunity to do so.

Cultural Arts Fieldtrips: The chairs were not at the meeting but it was reported that the architectural tour given by the Pipals and Jennifer Pollock was well received by the 5th graders. There was concern that the 5th grade trip to the Art Institute that day to view the original works that they have been seeing for years through our Cultural Arts curriculum was way too short. The children only had 45 minutes, which did not seem to be enough time. There was talk about possibly having the 5th graders take two separate trips to Chicago in the future and breaking up the Art Institute visit and the architectural tour so that they can fully enjoy and experience both opportunities.

Fifth Grade Activities: Kim Bolton reported that Blythe and Hollywood ran the Fifth Grade Games Night in April with a theme of "The United States of Hauser". The children had a great time where they played various games to get to know one another and did a scavenger hunt in Hauser to help familiarize them with the building. Kim reported that they did not have enough parent volunteers so they enlisted the help of some Hauser students, which she said worked extremely well. She recommended that we seek out seventh grade volunteers each year for this activity as they may be some familiar faces to the 5th graders and put them at ease.

This year they gave a Hauser shirt to each 5th grader in D96 and the kids loved them. The Central PTO donated some money toward these but the other schools had not budgeted for this. A D96 parent made up the \$600 difference out of his or her own pocket to allow each student to have a shirt. Kim suggested that in the future, we have a specific budget to allow for this as it creates a sense of unity among the kids. It was suggested that Lynda and Jessica contact the other PTA/O presidents to see if they can all budget for this so that it can be a yearly offering. Kim Bolton mentioned that she had

a vendor that printed the shirts for about \$5 but thinks this is a special deal that he did just for her so we should budget more than that in the future.

We were unable to secure the Scout Cabin as is tradition for the 5th grade picnic because our schools are getting out much later in past years due to reconstruction. The Riverside Rec Department has the cabin secured for their summer camp program, which has attendees from outside of Riverside who will already be out of school and at the cabin for camp. Instead, the picnic will be held at the Big Ball Park and we will pay a fee of \$100 for this as opposed to the \$250 that we usually pay for the Scout Cabin. The food situation will be challenging without access to the Scout Cabin kitchen.

RAIN: RAIN meeting which is always held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the Riverside Public Library.

School Supplies: Lynda reported that school supplies would be delivered before the end of the school year most likely on an upcoming Friday or possibly on a Monday depending upon the vendor's schedule. Jennifer Sedivy is in the process of firming up the delivery date.

Talent Show: Will be held on May 30 and Lynda has 35 acts. This is 4 less acts than the last Talent Show 2 years ago, which is fine because this will more than fill our allotted time.

Yearbook: needs pictures from the classrooms. Amy Jacksic will email Amy Mooney to send a message to all room parents to get their photos in by 5/31. She asked that room parents clearly mark their photos by grade, as she is not familiar with the younger students in school. Amy Jacksic will be taking classroom photos on Tuesday, 5/14 and Kim Bolton reminded her that she will not need to take group photos of the 5th grade classrooms as those students will already be featured individually at the back of the book.

Principal's Report

Lynda presented the framed Harlequin painting by Picasso with a plaque in honor of Dr. Limperis' many years leading Central. It will be hung in a prominent place near the school office.

Dr. Limperis reported that some of the end of school dates may change slightly and this will be reported to us after the May 21st School Board Meeting takes place. The Clap Out and Awards Ceremony dates will not change.

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Lutz expressed her appreciation on behalf of the staff for the Teacher Appreciation Week festivities provided by the PTO. MAP testing will start next week. Little Symphony was rescheduled for 5/17 due to the recent flooding in town. Spirit Day is on 5/15 and the theme is Beach Day.

Other Announcements

Upcoming events:

May 30 – Talent show

June 4-5th Grade Awards Ceremony

June 10-5th Grade Clap Out

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Jacksic, Secretary.