

**Central PTO Monthly Meeting
May 11, 2012, 9:00 a.m.**

Call to Order 9:00 a.m. at the Central/Hauser Auditorium.

Present: Jeannine Glavas, Amy Jacksic, Erin Durkin, Sue Pipal, Jeanine Vaia, Angela Izzo, Stefanie Dockendorf, Patrick O’Laughlin, Lynda Murphy, Kim Macchia, Paula Fudacz, Jessica Niekrasz, Aberdeen Ozga, Katie Leander, Christine Morong, Jane Wilhelm, Mary Komperda, Mary Ellen Park, Molly Carl, Dawn Gmitro, Dr. Limperis, Allyn Pilewski, Meg O’Brien, Samantha Lutz.

Minutes A motion to approve the April 13, 2012 minutes was made by Jeannine Glavas. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Officers Reports
Co-Presidents’ Report**

Retirement: Mrs. Biesche was honored for her retirement.

Teacher of the Year: Mr. Elgeness was honored as teacher of the year. He was recognized for his creativity, participation, work with the student council, work on the cultural festival, and working with the recess committee. He was also thanked for working with the PTO on a time capsule. Many student comments were shared illustrating Mr. Elgeness’ ability to make learning fun.

Volunteer of the Year: (out of order) Molly Carl was honored as volunteer of the year for her work on the cultural festival/artist in residence and cultural arts. The co-presidents praised Molly, noting that her enthusiasm is enormous, and she has been an integral force in reframing our cultural arts collection, and revamping cultural arts.

Time Capsule: student government is putting together a time capsule to remember this year and the big move during school construction. The time capsule is almost done.

Storage and Photo Book: Amy reported that almost all items have now been moved to the storage locker. If you need to add anything to the storage locker, please contact Amy. Amy and Molly Carl took pictures of everything owned by the PTO and created a snapfish book. A copy of the book will be housed in the library. The PTO presidents will have a copy. Dr. Limperis also has a copy. Jeannine also thanked Nancy Hopkins for her help on the PTO Snapfish book.

BMX Bike Rodeo: Matt Wilhelm was a big success. Thank you to the Niekrasz family for funding the bike rodeo and agreeing to fund an educational and fun event for the next three years. The next bike rodeo is scheduled for October 5 with an anti-bullying message.

Playground slate updates: Amy reported that possible solutions are being looked into to increase safety in the front playground, including grinding the slate down, or removal of the slate and replacement with a softer medium. Dr. Limperis also reported that the flagpole will be shortened and the pulley system will be replaced.

Bell Tower Architect Meeting: There has been discussion about restoring the bell tower during the construction, although the bell tower is not included in the construction plan. Jeannine reported there is a room in the bell tower, but it does not have two forms of entrance/egress to make it safe for children. The floor and roof need to be repaired, the bricks need to be sealed. The good news is the bell will ring again with the replacement of a rope and the pulley fixed. A discussion was had about fire safety and using the room as a teacher planning area. However, children cannot be in the bell tower room.

2012-13 School Directory: Amy advised that the directory will take a while to be uploaded again this year and advised that everyone hang on to last year's directory.

1st VPs Report

Committee Chairs: openings for committee chairs were announced: Family Fun Night, Hike/Bike, Library, spirit wear, pavers, Cultural Arts/Artist in Residence. Most committee folders have been turned in. If you have an outstanding folder, please turn it in. Committee chairs that have been paying for supplies out of pocket will be told to turn in receipts for a refund from the PTO. This information will also be collected for the budget meeting. 1st VPs will look through folders to make good recommendations for the budget meeting. If you are a committee chair, please let the presidents know what kind of budget you will need.

Building Reservations: The committee guidelines will reflect a recommendation to double check any building reservations and will include Doreen Wilson's email and phone number for all committee chairs. Also, it will be recommended to copy co-presidents on all correspondence dealing with outside organizations and building usage.

End of Year Teacher gifts: Emails will go out via Tracy and Erin for room parents to solicit donations.

2nd VP's Report

Philanthropy: We will solicit ideas and vote on Philanthropy requests in the fall of 2012.

Target Year End Report: Katie Leander reported that Central families shopping at Target with their Target cards earned \$1171.53.

3rd VP's Report

Calendar: Jeanine Vaia urged the community to purchase calendars very soon. There will not be extra calendars for purchase in the fall.

Board of Education April Meeting: Jeanine Vaia attended and reported that the BOE stated that all construction was on target. The BOE discussed limiting the expenses on change orders by contract. Asbestos removal will be completed first at Central/Hauser.

Every Wednesday, the district will post a construction update on its website. Packing for teachers and ordering how items will be returned to the school was discussed. Teachers will be allowed back in the building by September 4, 2012.

Amy and Jeannine were recognized for their years of service.

Treasurer's Report

Angela Izzo summarized the highlights. The financial report was circulated. The PTO spent \$6500 on the cultural heritage festival. Twelve pavers were sold and April expenditures were lower than expected.

Angela presented a motion to approve additional expenses in the following categories:

Cultural Heritage \$54.51
Teacher appreciation lunch \$50.52
Teacher appreciation week \$27.72

Sue Pipal made the motion to increase each of the above categories by \$100, Jeanine Vaia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Box Tops raised \$650 for the year. The O'Laughlins were recognized for their support of this program.

The Audit Committee will consist of Lynda Murphy, Jessica Niekrasz and Sandy Briolat.

The Budget Committee for the 2012-13 school year will consist of Angela Izzo, Jessica Niedrasz, Tracy Sloan, Sue Pipal, and the co-presidents.

Parliamentarian's Report

Update Bylaws/Standing Rules Patrick and Aberdeen reported that there were updates to the bylaws dealing with the Philanthropy committee. Specifically, under Article XIII, Section 6: *The philanthropy committee shall meet three times a year, either in person or by email to determine which philanthropic projects will be funded and in what amount. The Philanthropy Committee shall meet once in the fall and solicit philanthropy recommendations from the membership and the school staff at that time. The committee shall meet mid year, and year end to consider any additional philanthropy requests made throughout the year*

Angela made the motion to update the bylaws, Lynda seconded the motion. The update to the bylaws passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Auction: Stefanie Dockendorf and Amy reported that the auction will be held at the train station. The action will be large pottery platters. RAC is helping with the pottery.

Each class will work from a major artist for inspiration. The auction committee is underway soliciting donations. Parent can donate items to theme baskets.

Field Trips: Mary Ellen Park reported that the field trips are underway. 1st graders will take a walking tour of Riverside on June 1. Second grade attended the play Barrio Girrri at the Merle Ruskin Theater. 3rd grade will take a field trip to the Chicago History Museum and Lincoln Park Zoo, on Monday, May 4. They will also have a walking tour of Riverside on May 29. The 4th graders will visit the Robie House, and take the Wright 3 tour to compliment their reading curriculum. The 5th grade field trip, lead by Dorie Lidd Skiest, will visit the AI and take an architectural walking tour. The PTO is paying 100% admissions for all the field trips.

RAIN: Mary reported that the Riverside Township has given a grant to support Paula Kluth, an inclusion speaker. The application for the REEF grant is due this fall. Mary also reported on the importance of parent involvement as the BOE is currently considering a committee that will look at faculty and ideas for special ed for next year. RAIN will also host a resource fair for parents for next year in North Riverside. Central School will also fund a speaker for next year.

School Supplies: Amy reported that ordering for school supplies has been re-opened.

Teacher Appreciation Week: The chairs Maura Braun, Michelle Burton, DeAnn Gruber and Ingrid Nolan were thanked for making Teacher Appreciation week and the luncheon a big success.

Installation of New Board Members: All new officers indicated their willingness to serve. Jeannine thanked the outgoing board, noting specifically that Patrick O'Laughlin has served on the board for four years. Jeannine also thanked Amy, Dr. Limperis, Mrs. Lutz and Mrs. O'Brien for their support of the PTO. The following board was installed:

Amy Jacksic and Lynda Murphy as co-presidents
Paula Fudacz and Amy Mooney as 1st VPs
Jessica Niekrasz as 2nd VP
Kim Macchia as 3rd VP
Angela Izzo as Treasurer
Aberdeen Ozga as Parliamentarian
Sue Pipal as Recording Secretary

Principal's Report: Dr. Limperis reported that all parents would receive a letter about the year-end schedule. She said the school would be empty by the last day. She reported that Central may become a four section school with kindergarten in a satellite building, such a Blythe or Hollywood. Dr. Limperis will send a letter this summer outlining some changes in teaching staff.

Mrs. Scaggs will teach kindergarten, Mrs. Sula will teach KITE.

Mrs. Murdock, Ms. Economos and Mrs. Feldman will teach 1st grade.

Mrs. Musgrave, Mrs. Laws, Mr. Endriukaitis, and Mrs. Lutz will teach 2nd grade

Mrs. Kladis, Mrs. Ross, and Ms. Visek will teach 3rd grade. They are interviewing for another third grade teacher as Mr. Preble is going back to Blythe.

Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Tuene and Ms. Laughlin will teach 4th grade (interviewing for another teacher).

Ms. Brackett, Mr. Elgeness and Mrs. McCarthy will teach 5th Grade.

Teacher Representative Report: Samantha Lutz reported that the teachers enjoyed the bike rodeo and teacher appreciation week and luncheon. The fourth graders enjoyed the spring music performance and the dramatic component. MAP testing and Fountas & Pinnell were completed this week. The students will take a walking trip to the library to learn about the summer reading program. The end of the year parties will be approximately an hour long, and the teachers look forward to working with the lead room parents.

Other Business

Aberdeen Ozga asked everyone to consider attending the events for the RAC, RAW and FLOS house walk this month.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Pipal, the Recording Secretary.