

CENTRAL SCHOOL PTO MINUTES - 11/21/13

The regular monthly meeting of the Central School PTO was held Thursday, November 21, 2013 in the All Purpose Room. All the Executive Board Members were in attendance.

1. Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Lisa Brady.
2. Old business and approval of last meeting's minutes: Brenda Nemcek made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 24, 2013 PTO meeting, with a second by Laura Herndon. Motion passed.
3. Budget Update: given by Lisa Brady, in Julie Vagelos' absence. A record 6000 box tops were collected for the November 1 deadline. We are ahead with PTO membership dues. Expenses are in check at this point.
4. Principal Report:
 - a. Live It and Learn It – 2 applications turned in so far.
 - b. Thanks to everyone for adhering to parking restrictions during parent observation times this week.
 - c. Another \$500 grant received and will be applied to science program (Exxon Station in Basking Ridge)
 - d. Wall Ball Wall – courtesy of 5th grade class of 2013. Mrs. Davenport came up with idea and the wall was recently accomplished. Thanks to Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Milita and parents for painting the wall.
 - e. Mrs. Zimmer received \$500 for Teacher of the Year award and will use it to create a garden. She is looking for more donations and hopefully each class will have a spot to cultivate.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Book Fair – all completed and cleaned up. About \$11,000 books/materials sold. Committee will look at what books we can purchase that school needs.
 - b. Adult Social – Doreen Clemente. Update of progress of adults social. Save the date – March 7 at Stone House restaurant. Mardi Gras theme with casino theme, and some verbal commitments for wine and beer tastings from local vendors. SignUp Genius utilized for basket donation sign-ups for class baskets.
 - c. Bingo Night - Julie Lee. This year it will be on December 6. Pizza and other refreshments will be sold.

- d. Box Tops – thank you to Payal Dave for pulling together the Box Top submission with a quick deadline!
- e. Fooddays – Julie Gubitosi. A new food day will be added in January to fill in an empty day (Thurs). The chair of that day is lined up to start then. The few clerical issues with children’s orders have all been rectified.

6. Thank You’s:

- a. Trunk or Treat - Thanks to Maureen Schroeder and Stacey Colman for a fantastic Trunk or Treat. And thanks to the Zamora family for spooky haunted house.
- b. Assemblies - Thanks to Brenda Nemcek for organizing the School House Rock assembly. Newark Boys Choir will come December 11. And thanks for the article on
- c. Homeroom parents – thanks to HR parents for Halloween parties. Children had a great time, fun projects.
- d. Payal Dave – Box Tops
- e. Thanks to Jill Pila and Julie Lee for wonderful job on mural.

7. Ideas for the remainder of the year:

- a. The idea of a holiday gift fair has come up. While it is too late to attempt that this year, Lisa would like to talk about possibly doing this next year. Jen Archbold will check out Woodland’s fair next week. Will need to coordinate with Mrs. Milita for space during the school day. Shopping and lining up vendors should happen over the summer.
- b. Sponsoring a Family – Lisa brought an idea that ALT does where families can sign up online to sponsor a family. Mrs. Milita mentioned that Mrs. Morris and PALS want to do this as well. Possibly PTO will partner with them.
- c. Patriots Game on May 23rd – this is a Thurs, which is new this year, however Fridays are not available. Point person needed for ticket distribution.
- d. Spring Fun Fair and Family Day – do we want to combine efforts and do one or the other this year? Possibly an all-day event at Riverbend, for example.

8. Adjournment: Next meeting will be January 23 at 9 am. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm by Lisa Brady.

9. Minutes submitted by Jennifer Wojie, Recording Secretary