

## **PTO Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2011**

The October meeting began at 7:08 pm. Attending were 3 officers and 3 parents.

### Review of September 2011 Minutes

### Review and discussion about the Treasurer's Report

PTO Officer needed: Aimee Pfeiffer and Jamie Cicerelle are Acting Presidents. A Secretary is needed.

### New Communication Procedure

For anyone interested in sending out communications to potential volunteers, receiving communications about the PTO, being informed about upcoming events, or hearing about volunteering opportunities, email your name and email address to **gmrsdpto@gmail.com**.

### Teacher Grants

3 Teacher Grant requests were given to the PTO. None of the 3 teachers attended the meeting. All need to attend the next PTO meeting to make their requests in person in order for them to be considered. Also, it needs to be checked whether or not some of the books requested by 2 of the teachers were already purchased by the school.

Committee Chairs –Contact Aimee Pfeiffer or any other member of the PTO if you are interested in being involved in any way with the PTO. There are still some open Chair positions as follows:

1. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) – Ms. Kotcho is choosing the PAC representatives soon, 2 from each grade. Central School will also be assembling a PAC and information regarding same will be sent out soon.
2. Sugar Plum (Holiday Shoppe) – Liberty
3. Hospitality – Liberty
4. Tricky Tray

### Completed/Current Events:

1. Back to School Nights - These events were very successful. Many parents were in attendance. A special thank you to all parents and teachers who donated food and parents who set up table displays for your time, energy and generosity.
2. Liberty & Central (combined) Student Directory – will be printed this week.
3. Directory Cover Art Contest – the winners were: Caroline Miller (2Wo) – front cover & Julia Dona (5D) – back cover. Congratulations!

4. BoxTops Contest – Congratulations are extended to Nicholas Puma (2C), the winner of our Central Box Tops Summer Bucks collection drive contest; and to Sara Pietrewicz (3B), the winner of the Liberty Box Tops Summer Bucks collection drive contest! They each win a \$10 Shoprite gift card. Also, congratulations to Cheryl Yanoff and Christopher Grove, winners of the Back to School Night Product Basket Raffles. It was suggested that better gift cards be given to the student winners, such as Target or Game Stop. Thank you for your time and energy Harriet Kerwin.

5. Sale of Entertainment/Kids Stuff Books wrapped up at the end of September. A huge thank you to Cheryl Yanoff and Nicole Arluna!

6. Custodian Appreciation Day went well & was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Donna Politowicz & Corey Cabbage for a great job organizing C.A.D.!

7. Halloween Costume Fundraiser is in the works. Please contact Gloria Leggio with any questions.

8. Fall Fundraiser – order books went out first week of October. Orders are due by 10/28/11. Please contact Lori Prymak with any questions. It was suggested that an email reminder be sent out a week or two prior to the end of the fundraiser.

9. Grocery Certificates - Ongoing throughout the school year – available Shoprite, Weis & Kohl's cards. They are very simple to use and the PTO earns 5% of every purchase. It was suggested that a reminder go out at the end of November for the Gift Cards.

10. Market Day – Ongoing throughout the school year.

All events went extremely well! A huge thank you to the Chairs and all who volunteered for each of these successful events!

#### Upcoming Events:

1. Trunk or Treat – October 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm @ Central School parking lot (rain date October 30<sup>th</sup>).

2. Spirit Wear – Order forms will be going out within the next week. Orders are due by November 14, 2011 and items should arrive by December 7, 2011. Prices are exactly the same as last year and the school colors, blue and green, are used.

3. Scholastic Book Fairs - Central (week of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>) & Liberty (week of Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>). The book fairs will last for 3 days at each school. Each school has 2 book fairs and 1 BOGO schedule for this school year.

Open Discussion:

- Glorio Leggio suggested a Bingo Night as a fundraiser. She will attend another bingo night in a few weeks and report back at the next meeting about it.
- Gloria Leggio is working on a Dine Around Town fundraiser, hopefully having it start in November. 10% of all sales go to the PTO.
- McDonald's assemblies (free) about confidence, peer pressure, etc. were brought up. The PTO will advise the assembly Chairs and the principals of same.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next public meeting is November 9, 2011.**