

# Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of Central Elementary School PTA General Business Meeting

September 21, 2015

President Jennifer Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Introductions were made.

Guest speaker Roslyn Malouhos, of Junior Achievement, gave a presentation soliciting volunteers. Roslyn gave an overview of J.A and its benefits, specifically focusing on relevance of school through financial literacy, work readiness, and personal value. Parents interested in volunteering work directly with educators to set up visits and presentations take between 30-45 minutes. Keri Parks talked about her experience as a past JA volunteer. Roslyn left flyers for those interested.

### *Officer Reports:*

Treasurer Rachel Bernardez went through the line-item budget (see spreadsheet for details). No concerns were raised. Noteworthy items discussed were:

Market Day has been cancelled. Popcorn Parking made approx. \$1,600 which was right on target. Restaurant nights are upcoming and easy fundraising, so spread the word. Color Run numbers were off on the print out, but will be corrected. No general questions posed to any budget items. President Jennifer Campbell asked about overall future budget planning. Are we going in the right direction? Are all fundraisers successful? Can we eliminate any smaller fundraisers?

Check register was reviewed.

President Jennifer Campbell's report began with appreciation for those in attendance. Membership is the highest in five years! She encouraged attendees to invite others to future meetings. Kids were able to come to tonights meeting. All agreed this was helpful.

Campbell then thanked Rachel Bernardez for the success of Popcorn Parking and all of her hard work and those that volunteered with her.

Principal Jeannie Sienkowski spoke of gratitude for the PTA and their contribution to Central field trips! Funding through the PTA brought the cost of the Orchard field trip down from \$6 to \$3 per child. She also stressed that all request made of the PTA by the school are made with careful consideration.

Teacher Rep Mindy Heuring had questions regarding funding.



ISTEP results will arrive in December.

Switch from PTO to PTA has been successful. Donations are now tax deductible. We now have support with financials, structure, and training. There is a PTA training session September 26th and Rachel Bernardez will be attending. Thanks Rachel!

### *Committee Reports*

**Color Run:** General concern we may have over estimated the potential of this first-time event, but time will tell. The 18-person committee has been hard at work with regular meetings. As of this meeting there are 154 regular runners with a goal of 250. We have 11 corporate sponsors totaling approx \$3,500. Total received including registrations, sponsorships and pledges is \$8,900. At this point, kids web page pledges are less than we expected. Going to have a rally at the school to encourage kids with competition.

**Popcorn Quarterly** needs volunteers for first end of quarter on Thursday, October 22nd. Volunteers should plan on up to three hours helping make and pass out popcorn. Attendees Kala Stone and Keri Parks volunteered to help out. Thanks Kala and Keri!

**Harvest Fest:** To be held Friday, October 30th from 6:00 - 8:00. This is a fun night for kids to dress up and bring their parents to school for fun activities throughout the building. Feedback from survey regarding last years event was less than positive. Looking for ways to amp this up and are seeking suggestions. Ideas suggested include: Serving pizza for purchase. This may help attendance since event is during dinner time. Photo booth, cake walk (Jeannie with charge this), book bingo, guess the (slimy, gooey) item. Should take sign ups to work different stations. During the meeting Meghan Major volunteered to chair the Harvest Fest Committee and Andrea Blevens offered to be a committee member. Thanks ladies!

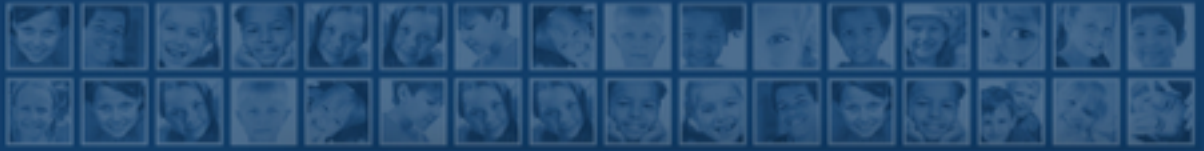
**Restaurant Nights:** Upcoming included Buffalo Wild Wings, Panera and Chipotle. Flyers will go home with the kids prior to each event. McTeacher's Night is a new event this year. The teachers will help take and distribute orders at McDonalds. Teachers seem excited for this.

### *Other Business*

**Barnes and Nobel Book Fair:** to be held in December. Perfect for purchasing gifts for the kids. Note the book fair in September was cancelled as it conflicted with Scholastic orders.

Keri Parks is getting started on the school directory. We will keep the directory, but nix the handbook as most of it is online now.

**Box Tops:** looking to hold a contest to boost this program. Maybe hold them monthly? Provide sheets to put the box tops on to make collecting/counting them easier. Reward for top collector perhaps an extra recess? Lisa Sut has some ideas she can pull from other schools to help.



Mrs. Grantsaris is looking for funds for Drama Club. Needs approximately \$200 for supplies, etc. There is currently no budget item for this and she will attend next meeting to discuss.

Spirit Wear: It was agreed this is something we'd like to pursue. Liz Welter to help design/ procure t-shirts and sweatshirts.

*Attendance:*

Jennifer Campbell

Jeannie Sienkowski

Rachel Bernardez

Lisa Sut

Keri Parks

Carrie Durnell

Mindy Heuring

Liz Welter

Bill Durnell

Andrea Blevins

Meghan Major

Kala Stone

Amy Daly

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Secretary

