

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – November 26, 2007

Called to Order at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford.

President – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. New member Peggy Lindsley was introduced. PAT Award was given to Charmaine Crane and Joanne Cascio for attaining Starbucks for the teachers at parent teachers Conferences. Also Kay Gallo received one for donating a computer to a needy family.

Secretary- The October minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Nancy stated that there is additional income of \$198.13. Book Grants are all paid out. A \$100 gift was given to a scholarship fund for Donna Orloff's children after the death of her husband. She has applied for the additional \$2000 grant with NICOR. Ultra food will give 5% of proceeds to PTO when you shop at the store: one on 75th and one on Roosevelt Road. Calculators: Carol Bobo asked us to pay for 12 calculators. We voted to pay for 6 calculators or a total of \$600. There is \$250 remaining in the student relief fund.

Vice President/ Communication – Darla discussed the weekly news blast at the school. We decided that we would all still like to hear from Kevin Pobst once a month. Darla is working on the new website and on new letterhead. Our new logo is: "Where Excellence is Central." Darla introduced Joni Holinger's idea of "School Pop" information. We are going to address this in January.

Teacher Appreciation – Joanne Cascio announced that her committee is working on a birthday club for the teachers. A questionnaire with fun questions will be given to the teacher and then the information will hang on the door. June and July birthdays will be celebrated in May and August birthdays will be celebrated in September.

Freshman Parent Circles – No report. Parties were a success.

Holiday Breakfast – Tina reported that the breakfast will be December 20, 2007 in the Community Room. Notes will be going out with everyone's duties. She asked for a \$20 donation to cover the cost of the egg casseroles. Volunteers will be at the doors between 5:30 – 6 collecting all the delivered items.

School Board Liaison: Sue Pircon stated that class rank will be voted on probably on December 3rd. Please keep sending emails to the board. Please watch and comment to the school board regarding the taping of the meetings. This is very important that the board knows that we want to see the meetings. Any emails that you send to the Board please cc Nick Wahl and Kevin Pobst.

Book Grant – Carol Wroble had nothing to say.

Newsletter – Deadline is November 26th.

Social –Thank you to Kristen Klebenow for the food; Robin for the water and Mary for coffee. Nothing else to add at this time.

Character Counts- Did not get to at the meeting.

Safety and By-laws - Janet Perry reported that the lock-down occurred and that everything else was going “smoothly.”

All American Read Week – Nothing

Make A Difference – Marcy Innocenti had nothing to report at this time.

Publicity – No report;

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – Jean Osgood announced that James Garbarino, PhD. will speak on the Topic: “Helping Children Thrive in a Society Challenging Environment” Jan. 30 at the Community House 7 P.M.

Volunteers - Nothing

Class Representatives – No reports given

Middle School Representative: No reports

New Business: Voted on **TIN proposal** for \$1000 and the inside cover of the directory. Motion made by Jean Osgood; 2nd by Karen Altergott. The motion passed.

Boosters: Peggy Morgan and Bob Franke spoke to the board about the March 9th fundraising brunch. They discussed the needs for the event from auction items to committee positions.

Lisa discussed a new liaison committee that we would like to formulate with the Social Workers and Guidance and PTO. Kristen Klebenow and Joni Holinger would like to spearhead this committee.

Finally we discussed Dream Dinners 75th and Lemont Road, Downers Grove; need to assemble 36 servings a month. Then \$10 would go to PTO. We will discuss this again in January

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Have a good day,
Mary Buddig, Secretary