

**Central Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

Attendance

Gaye Johnson, Ashley Crutchfield, Carol Penney, Tracy Gordon, Alesa Chaffin, Nathan Chaffin, Catie Brown, Robin Parker, Samantha Hoke, Melissa Jones

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Gaye Johnson.

Principal's Report – Robin Parker

- Boxerwood Field Trips taking place this week.
- October 22nd-26th – Book Fair (will also be open on conference night)
- November 9th – Central's 3rd annual Veteran's Breakfast. Robin is sending invitations and working with the local veterans association, who donated \$100 for the event.
- November 15th – Paint Night sponsored by Title I. There has been a lot of interest in the event. The spring Title I program will be "One Book One School" (<https://readtothem.org/programs/one-school-one-book>)
- December 6th – Holiday program in the planning stages. Limited parking and gym space are always a challenge.
- Continuing incentives to improve attendance and build community at Central. Currently creating school wide incentives for the next nine weeks. Our goal is to have 92 percent (or about 480) of the students miss no more than three days during the next nine-week period.

PTA Treasurer's Report – Gaye Johnson

- Balance is \$4,772.26
- PTA audit was not completed, as more information and documentation was needed. Gaye will follow up with Katie to reschedule.
- T-shirt company contacted Robin to say they have not received payment for students' House Color shirts. Gaye will discuss with Katie.

Student Activities/ Volunteers – Gaye Johnson / Alesa Chaffin

- Outdoor "Movie Under the Stars" will be this Friday, October 19th.
- Robbie and Molly Moore are not available to set up the outdoor screen for this postponed date. Gaye ordered a canvas screen, but group decided that the event would be held in the gym due to the weather forecast for Friday. The entire gym will be open, concessions will be in the hall, and only the back gym doors will be open for those who leave the movie to get snacks, etc.
- Gaye/Alesa will resend the volunteer sign-up sheet for the new date.

Beautification – Robin Parker

- Danielle Ryan is stepping down from her role as committee chair.
- Gaye plans to talk with Lorin Wilhelm and/or Rachel Clark about chairing/co-chairing. (After this meeting, Rachel Clark and Nathan Chaffin agreed to co-chair the committee. They have requested guidance on committee goals, plans, etc.)
- Currently planning a fall clean-up day, but need to coordinate around RARO practice and games schedule.

Central Clothes Closet – Gaye shared Lindsay Perry’s update

- As of today (10/17/18), we have received 55 clothing requests and they have all been filled.
- Each bag of clothes included a brochure from The Community Closet at Christ Church in Buena Vista, so families have a resource for additional clothing.
- A few more clothing requests may come in, but the fall distribution was successfully completed within just a few weeks.

Communications – Tracy Gordon / Carol Penney

- The Central PTA currently has 157 members.
- Tracy is working on the student directory.
- Concessions signs are ready for movie night. Gaye will send home one more movie night flyer with a PTA membership form on the back. PTA forms will also be available at movie night.
- Carol needs November newsletter content by October 31 and will distribute the newsletter in the Tuesday folder on November 6. This issue will include the house colors article, recent fundraising success, and Reflections contest information. It was suggested to share the house color information with new families each year, as many current Kindergarten families are not aware of the Ron Clark philosophy.

Fundraising – Samantha Hoke / Gaye Johnson

- Box Tops collection is going well. To date, we’ve received over 6,000 box tops (\$600) this school year, but many parents are not including students’ names, teacher, and house color information on the bags. We’ll continue to request that information, but will only provide the labeled bags for collecting Box Tops over the summer.
- Pink Cadillac Diner night total unknown. (After this meeting, we learned that this event raised \$500.)
- McDonald’s McTeacher night raised \$1,420, and there are more BOGO cards (good through 3/31/19) to sell. We plan to hold this event again in the spring.
- Domino’s night raised \$400; we also plan to hold this event in the spring.
- Discussed other family dine-out night possibilities, including: Applebee’s, Country Cookin, Frank’s, Naples, and Ruby Tuesday.
- The annual walkathon is October 31. Sam, Ashley, and Gaye are still contacting local businesses and former corporate sponsors. Students who bring at least one walkathon donation by October 26, will be entered into drawings for \$10 gift cards during the morning announcements on October 29-31. In November, we’ll hold drawing for door prizes and gift cards for students who brought donations.
- Mr. Brown and Ms. G have agreed to be taped to the wall if the \$10,000 goal is met this year.
- The classes collecting the most walkathon donations (money and number) will get to choose a pizza or ice cream party, and the House Color collecting the most money will earn 50 bonus points.

Hospitality – Gaye Johnson

- Julie Tanner and Leyna Hansley have Parent Teacher Conference night covered; PTA volunteers have signed up to contribute to a home-made soup dinner for the teachers.
- Teachers and staff will receive a “You are Fa-BOO-lous” fall treat on October 31.

Reflections – “Heroes Around Me” – Gaye Johnson

- Alex Slaydon and Gaye will meet next week to discuss the art contest and start planning.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 5:30pm (second Wednesday due to Thanksgiving)

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Crutchfield, Central PTA Secretary