

**Central Elementary School PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

**Attendance**

Gaye Johnson, Ashley Crutchfield, Carol Penney, Tracy Gordon, Alesa Chaffin, Nathan Chaffin, Juline DeVoe, Lindsay Perry, Rachel Clark, Catie Brown, Robin Parker, Katie Clements.

**Call to Order**

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

**Principal's Report** – Robin Parker

- October 10<sup>th</sup> – Wildlife Center of Virginia “For Goodness Snakes” student assembly.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – Teacher work day. No school for students.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade level performance at 6:00pm.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – report cards go home with students, and parent teacher conference night.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair (will also be open on conference night)
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – Central’s 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Veteran’s Breakfast.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – Title 1 sponsoring Paint Night at Central. There will also be a spring activity scheduled.
- Continuing incentives to improve attendance and build community at Central, such as “Bear Essentials Good Call of the Day,” house color challenges by grade level, and others. Kindergarten won this week’s house color T-shirt challenge and will enjoy a disco party in the gym.

**PTA Treasurer's Report** – Katie Clements

- Balance is currently \$2,700.00
- Invoice for House color shirts has been paid.
- Three people were chosen for the 2017-18 audit, which will be held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Administrator – Robin Parker, Teacher – Karen Duff, Parent – Carol Penney.
- Audit will be approved at the October PTA meeting.

**Student Activities** – Gaye Johnson

- Outdoor “Movie Under the Stars” will be Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Robbie and Molly Moore will set up the projector and screen again this year. \*
  - CES students participated in a penny drive and chose the movie *Ferdinand*.
  - Ashley has 4 raffle prizes for the event. 2 - \$20.00 gift cards from Hull’s Drive In, 4 admission tickets for State Theater and one which includes the movie, popcorn and candy.
  - Agreed that two cashiers are needed at the event.
  - Tracy will make the flyers and signs. Will also mention that children should stay off of playground equipment during the movie.
  - We will be selling popcorn, pizza, candy, fruit snacks, water, Gatorade, sodas and capri suns.
  - Gaye ordered the house color cups for the popcorn, and will also check popcorn supplies.
  - Katie will order glow necklaces and finger lights.
  - Catie will get noise permit.
  - Robin will ask MRMS to borrow their popcorn maker.
  - Stuart and Jackie will hang lights in the pavilion.

*\* NOTE: After this meeting, “Movie under the Stars” was postponed until Friday, October 19, due to the extremely wet conditions of the field and playground areas.*

### **Volunteers – Alesa Chaffin**

- Alesa is working on a sign up genius for movie night. A sheet was passed around to begin the sign-up process at tonight's meeting. She will also bring a printed copy of volunteers/shifts that night.
- Alesa will also create a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping to fill clothes closet requests, or deliver clothing bags to classrooms.

### **Central Clothes Closet – Lindsay Perry**

- Winter clothing distribution will begin in early October and be finished before Thanksgiving break.
- Approximately 70 children were served last year.
- Forms will be sent home on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- As mentioned above, Alesa will create a volunteer sheet. Anyone interested in helping will meet Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm to learn the process.

### **Beautification – Robin Parker/Rachel Clark**

- The "Heroes Day" program at Lowe's," where employees come and help do work at the school, has already been filled for the year. Central can apply again in the spring.
- Robin met with Danielle Ryan to walk the property and discuss needs.
- Currently planning a fall clean-up day. Need to coordinate around RARO schedule, so it will most likely be in mid to late October.

### **Communications – Tracy Gordon/Carol Penney**

- PTA currently has 138 members this year.
- PTA cards with a letter from Gaye were delivered to all PTA members (parents and staff) today.
- Carol plans to copy the October PTA newsletter on September 26, so that it can be included in the Tuesday (October 2) folder. Catie Brown and Melanie Hickman will provide information for the article about Ron Clark's philosophy and why Central has house colors.
- In addition to the House Colors article, newsletter content will include reminders about upcoming events (i.e. Domino's Day, outdoor movie night, McTeacher's Night), walkathon information, and the donation collection form.

### **Fundraising – Gaye Johnson**

- Pink Cadillac "family dine-out night" tomorrow from 5-9 pm; 25 percent of all sales will be donated to the Central PTA.
- Student penny vote for movie night raised \$211.00.
- McTeacher night at McDonalds will be October 16. Robin and Melanie will get teachers to sign up to help that night and notify Gaye how many t-shirts staff will need.
- Walkathon will be October 31. Gaye and Sam have been sending letters to past sponsors and have already received \$600.00 from business sponsors.
- A "Donate" button was added to the PTA website for online walkathon donations.
- Incentives for students to bring in walkathon donations are begin discussed. One of them is taping Mr. Brown to the wall.
- The class who brings in the most walkathon donations will get to choose either a pizza party or ice cream party.
- Gaye brought samples of new spirit merchandise, including tie dyed long sleeve T-shirts and hoodie sweatshirts, as well as teddy bears wearing house color shirts. The available merchandise will include: hoodies, long and short sleeve house color shirts, solid grey long sleeve shirts, solid maroon long sleeve shirts and the teddy bears. Jenny David will create the order form. A merchandise table will be set up at movie night.

- Box Tops have raised \$574.30 so far this year. Last year the total raised from box tops for the entire year was \$750.00.

**Hospitality** – Gaye Johnson

- Julie is planning a soup bar for Parent Teacher Conference night, and has already sent out a sign up genius.

**Reflections** – Gaye Johnson

- Theme this year is “Heroes Around Me.”
- Gaye will be meeting with Alex Slaydon soon to discuss the contest and start planning.

**Other Business**

PTA will hold their first “playdate” on the playground on Tuesday, November 6. “Time Together Tuesdays” will be held the first Tuesday of each month for the remainder of the year.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ashley Crutchfield, Central PTA Secretary

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 5:30pm**