

**Central Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

Attendance

Gaye Johnson, Robin Parker, Samantha Hoke, Ashley Crutchfield, Alesa Chaffin, Catie Brown

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Gaye Johnson.

Principal's Report – Robin Parker

- Currently celebrating Dr. Seuss week. Today was twin day and Friday is stripe day. Students received pencils and bookmarks.
- “Appleblossom the Possum” assembly tomorrow. Students raised \$101.47 from their penny drive. This allows CES to “adopt” 2 opossums for the year.
- Friday is also “Read Across America Day.” Teachers have parents and special guests coming to read to the children.
- SOL Academy starts next week, March 4th. There will be a total of 7 sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout March.
- March 27th from 8:00-3:00 – Kindergarten Registration.
- March 11th – Teacher workday.
- March 19th – Report cards home.
- March 29th – “Jack and the Beanstalk” performance by Virginia Repertory Theater, provided by CES PTA.
- April 12th – “ALICE” Training. (active shooter training). They will be showing grade level power point presentations to all students and will do a school wide drill at the end of the day.
- April 25th – “A Day in K” event at Hull’s Drive In. Fun event with lots of activities and information for new Kindergarten families.
- April 23rd – SOL’s begin.
- Enrichment clubs – missed the last enrichment club date due to inclement weather. This will be made up on the 1st early release day during the last week of school.

PTA Treasurer's Report – Gaye Johnson

- CES PTA in “good standing” since 2017-18 audit was submitted to VA PTA.
- Bank account balance is projected to be around \$10,000 after the year end expenses.
- Gaye created a spreadsheet of all of the expenses and deposits for the year.

Clothes Closet – Lindsay Perry update

- Spring distribution clothing requests go home with students on March 5th. Committee will begin filling bags on March 12th with a goal of having all requests filled before Spring Break.

Communications – Carol Penney update

- Recently added 3 new PTA members.
- March newsletter will go home on February 5th, so content should be submitted by Friday, March 1st.
- PTA scholarship is being advertised to students at RCHS.
- Scholarship committee: Tracy Gordon, Lindsay Flint, Carol Penney, Laura Jones...and Carol also plans to ask Paige Owens.

Beautification – Robin Parker

- Discussed the condition of the field. The county has come to look at the field to start the process of addressing the drainage issue.
- Robin plans to ask two Central families, Hostetter and Leslie, who both own an excavating business, about assisting with the removal of the bushes in front parking lot.

Fundraising – Samantha Hoke

- Our next Box Tops submission is due by May 1st. Students must turn in Box Tops by April 15th. Winning class will be rewarded. Robin will talk about the contest and remind students during morning announcements, as well as maybe sending home a ½ page reminder to all families.
- March 21st - Central “family dine-out night” at Domino’s Pizza. 10% of all sales from 10:30am to midnight. (There is a grade level performance at the school on this date, Robin will make an announcement.)
- McDonald’s “McTeacher Night” to be scheduled for the spring. Seth is now a regional manager. Gaye will speak with the new store manager, Stephanie Walker, to schedule the event.
- March 1st - Spirit merchandise order due. Selling a few bears and shirts from existing inventory each week.

Hospitality- Julie Tanner update

- Discussing plans for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10. Planning a luncheon, but also discussed having daily treats throughout the week.

Reflections Art Contest (Theme: “Heroes around Me”) - Gaye Johnson/Alex Slaydon

- Awards will be presented to contest participants before the March 29 assembly/play.

Student Activities/ Volunteers – Alesa Chaffin/Gaye Johnson

- Valentine’s Day Parties a success. Discussed a few things to keep in mind for next year.
- April 26th – “Outdoor Family Fun Night” 5:30-7:30. Will sell pizza, hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and candy. Merchandise and Membership tables. Discussed getting “Travis the balloon dude” to come this year instead of KC the clown. Will not be offering caricatures this year. No rain date for this event, will be moved inside if raining.

Other Discussion Topics

- Need nomination committee to choose officer nominees for 2019-20 school year and to host a PTA information open house. March newsletter will include article about PTA leaders for next school year. Gaye asking teachers for recommendations.
- Math 24 County Tournament, March 14th, 5-7 pm. PTA selling pizzas, candy and drinks.
- Veggie Brigade (Rockbridge Area Community Services), March 15th. They would like to have 3-5 volunteers if possible.
- Discussed having a PTA information table at upcoming Kindergarten Registration day on March 27th.
- Family Fun Night, April 26th.
- Discussed dates for SOL testing breakfast cart.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Ashley Crutchfield, Central PTA Secretary