

## CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

### MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2011

Robin K. told us that the use of reusable plates, cups and silverware will begin next week in the cafeteria.

Karen asked that the Committee Chairmen report on how the year's activities have gone.

1. Budget - Penney reported that the budget is in good shape for this year. We are ending the year with approximately a \$1000 surplus. Cheryl Scott has requested that we consider using those funds for a technology upgrade, potentially an electronic white board. Another possibility under consideration is something to address cyberbullying.
2. Honor Roll Breakfast – Penney reported on Laurie's behalf. There were 2 honor roll breakfasts this year instead of three. Next year she would like a volunteer for each grade as a backup. Katie Hegg volunteered for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Robin Kelly for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She also thinks that less bagels would be preferred, and more sweet breads and muffins. It was proposed that another speaker be brought in from the high school for the fall honor roll breakfast, perhaps a counselor or the athletic director. It was also noted that most people preferred the library to the auditorium.
3. Impact on Education Fundraiser – \$100 is budgeted for a basket to be donated for the upcoming fundraiser. Jennifer offered to put the basket together.
4. Spirit wear – Several ideas were put forth on how to sell Centennial t-shirts to the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It was decided to talk to Crestview and see if something could be organized at one of their end of the year activities.
5. Community events – Battle of the Bands is the next community event on April 27. Janet asked if there were any volunteers to help serve food during the break when the judges make their decision. Jennifer and Robin volunteered to help.
6. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion – the activities planned for May 26 were reviewed. More hamburgers, chips and hotdogs, and less veggie burgers were the main suggestion Karen had from her experience at last year's event. Also, consider getting the cake precut. Balloons to decorate the cafeteria.
7. Teacher appreciation – Millicent recapped by email: The PTO supported 2 catered lunches and plans to have one more parent-provided Mexican Fiesta lunch in May during Teacher Appreciation week. We also provided bagels, muffins, coffee and juice twice during the year after the parent/teacher conferences. Additionally, we are drawing \$20 Staff Appreciation gift cards for the Pearl Street Mall. The PTO purchased \$300 for these and the staff is chosen at random. While the last item was a good idea, Millicent thought the money would be better

spent on buying something for the staff lounge that everyone can enjoy. The lunches were catered by Pasta Jay's. (Christina Colucci gave us a good deal). The teachers loved those and would become more popular if continued. The lunches are appreciated Flo, the nurse, sent the PTO a card thanking us for the lunches.

8. Volunteer Coordinator – unfortunately, Robin M. will not be doing it again next year. She said the main job is entering all of the names in an email list (and you need to divide the names into two email lists as one is too big.), sending out requests for volunteers using that list and then redirecting those names to the person actually organizing the event.

Respectfully submitted,

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