

## Parent Meeting Minutes: Monday, December 7, 2009

**Attendees**: Sandra LaFleur, Pattie Russell, Lauren Beiley, Marisela Saenz, Derrick Arias, Aurora Morcillo, Liseth Araya, Barbara Jimenez

**Minutes** - Lauren reviewed the minutes from the last meeting.

### **Treasury Report:**

Total is now: \$1,061.64.

-Discussed doing an email ballot to approve reimbursing Wendi for flowers sent to Ms. Pattie.

- **PA Dues** - PA dues from 20 families have been received. There are still 12 families that are outstanding. How do we ensure PA dues next year? Pattie suggested perhaps putting as a line item on the registration form for next year. Also making sure language in ByLaw: the same about voting as in the parent manual. Pattie asked Derrick to give her a list of names of parents who have not paid.

-**PA Account** – Derrick said he can now open a bank account. Will likely be at Bank Atlantic since all is free there. He still needs the Federal Tax ID# which Liseth said she would provide.

### **Winter Spiral Review**

-Liseth thanked all the staff and teachers for their hard work. She asked for an overview and feedback.

- Pattie thanked parents who set up Ross, Derrick and Liseth and mentioned the beautiful shells donated by Lidia. Irina also made delicious cookies.

-Folks commented on the leftover cider. Marisela explained a lot has to do with the weather...in years when it's cold, the cider goes and in years like this one where it is hot, folks drink juice. We will have to be more mindful of the forecast each year in planning for beverages.

-For next year, 6 parents are an ideal # to come and set up. Marisela suggested cutting the pre bows the day BEFORE which would make setting up the actual Spiral faster.

-Further comments made included that there were many parents stayed to clean up; pine cones went in compost and rest in dumpster

also that the children were very patient.

-The length of the program came up. Pattie explained that some Waldorf schools only do EC-4th grade to make the event move more quickly; something to consider as the school grows.

-It was also suggested calling a start time for 6 pm instead of 6:30 which will be considered for next year.

-It was also suggested to somehow incorporate spiral preparation with the parent workday. Marisela explained the workday before was coincidental this year but if one does occur in future years, perhaps cutting the branches for the spiral could be part of the day.

-Folks also commented on some attendees being confused about the spiral and the festival. Pattie clarified that it is the Waldorf and the anthroposophical way is to wait for parents to ask questions and then provide more information on the significance of festivals and the rituals involved. She said she would send out an email saying that if parents at any time do have a question, to please approach her with either in-person or via email.

-Aurora also suggested perhaps having a program.

#### PA Eco-Label Fundraising Summary

-Liseth told everyone that it had been a success and we also met our commitment. We were only short \$66 of our \$1500 goal. Most families ordered just for themselves. Also wanted everyone to know this fundraiser KEEPS GOING throughout the year.

-Most all folks ordered online even though everyone asked for a paper catalogue. There were only 5 orders made via paper catalogue. We thought perhaps folks liked looking through the catalogue and then bought online.

-Marisela suggested for future fundraisers setting up a table one day after school to show the products/catalogues etc...

#### Committees: HEADS, HEARTS, HANDS

-How to make them work better???? This was a discussion. Marisela suggested maybe she could make a presentation at the next PA meeting with a list of activity ideas for each committee.

-Lauren to send to Derrick committee names to make group lists in P/ gmail account.

### **POTLUCK DINNER: Jan. 30**

-This will be a community building event with all families going to one of two homes.

-Lauren and Aurora have offered their homes.

-“Save the Date” will go out via Evite to see how many folks think they can attend and line up sitters since this will be an adult-only event.

Lauren to send out Evite.

### **Other**

-PA Meeting Night – Barbara asked if the PA meeting night could ever be altered since some folks never are able to come; perhaps alternate

Marisela suggested surveying parents via phone calls made by PA officers to find out which other parents are not coming??? What can we do to get more participation? Officers to decide when to make these calls.

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