

## **February PA Meeting on 2/8/2010**

**Attendees:** Liseth Araya, Pattie Russel, Marisela Saenz, Daniela Fichleder, Derrick Arias, Lauren Beiley, Nicole Trujillo, Sandra LaFleur, Ester Sampedro

Before the meeting started, the group was given a tour of the new woodworking space that Gary Arthurs cleaned up and is teaching the class. Everyone thought it was amazing, impressive and exciting.

### **AGENDA:**

**Meeting Minutes:** -Back in the classroom, December meeting minutes were read by Lauren Beiley and approved

### **Treasury Report:**

Derrick Arias read we had a total sales from EcoLabel fundraising of \$1564.13 with profit of \$542.57 for the PA. The current balance of the PA is \$2,204.21. No more PA dues have been collected.

### **Committees:**

Daniela asked who is in charge of the Head, Hearts and Hands committees. Liseth explained the next step is to choose each of these people. She also reviewed a couple of graphics about the Nature and Structure of our Parent Association in the importance of the Heads, Hearts and Hands Committees. She said she would forward this as a PDF to all families.

### **School Structure:**

Liseth handed out and reviewed a series of graphics to help explain visually the organization structure that mature Waldorf schools follow as well as the structure of a Young School such as Sunrise School of Miami. Lauren asked that she send these graphics as PDFs to all families which she said she would.

### **School's Needs:**

Liseth went over the most pressing needs of the School and how the PA can help Sunrise. They needs are:

1) Sunday Cleaning - Liseth explained the school's greatest needs right now are for help with Sunday cleaning. Many expressed a desire to pay for a cleaning crew but Pattie and Marisela clarified that from about 2-4 pm. while that may be an option for next year, it could not be put into place for the remaining of this year and so we had to decide how to handle the remaining Sundays until this school year's end.

Daniela offered an example of how her daughter's former Waldorf school in Austria handled cleaning - each family had obligatory days to come and clean, and if they could not or could not send a substitute to clean, they had to pay 15 Euros. The group agreed this was the best option and will be implemented. Families will have set days to come and can either come, hire someone to come in their place or pay \$20 to the PA. Pattie did commend folks who came a prior Sunday to help out and she especially noted David Vickery's help in repairing many switches and tightening of desks.

2) Distributing Flyers - the school also needs help with the printing and distribution of flyers. Nicloe offered to perhaps get printing for free which she did secure the day after the meeting (500 copies). We also discussed creating postcards and Liseth said if Lauren could send her the artwork she could work on the cards. The school needs volunteers to distribute the flyers and cards (when ready) in key places. Irina Toyne will coordinate efforts. Marisela also asked Lauren to forward a list of the most recent places flyers were placed. The school wants to prepare at least a couple more Open Houses.

3) Parent Education - The last need was to coordinate parent education events but we decided to table this until the next meeting as we were short of time. It will include hosting speaker(s), paying for speaking time etc...

### **Fundraiser:**

Also discussed was the possibility of another fundraising/community building activity before the end of the year. Two suggested events were a Bonfire at a Park (this was done last year and was a great success) or Clean a Beach. With this idea we would purchase plain White T-shirt to hand dye with a Waldorf inspired design. With the help of Kids Love Mother Earth Foundation (Esther Sampedro) we would find a beach where we can take our children to help the environment, have a wonderful fellowship time and even sell some t-shirts and crafts with an eco purpose. It will serve as parent/teacher/kid fellowship time as well as an awareness/marketing strategy for Sunrise School of Miami.