



Montessori By The Sea PTO Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Meeting called to order: 3:07 by President, Anna Womack

Attendance: Albert Dubin; Valerie Laurent; Richard Tracy; Meagan Rizzi; Pam Dubrule; Nicole Morris; Nicole Wilson; Wendy Savage; Denise Tomey; Renata Kluzek; Mila Foote; Ed Kohler; Betsy Liebel; Amy Losoya; Karla Hollan; Consuelo Wilkinson; Carole Janesek; Anna Womack; Michelle Stengard; Judi Dunalp; Mary Martynow

Introductions: Officers were introduced. Anna thanked the PTO Board for volunteering their time for the 2010-2011 School Year. Parents were also introduced since there were some new members.

Committees: PTO members were asked to sign up for committees. Following is a summary of issues discussed regarding each committee.

Community Service: Ideas discussed were Pennies for Peace, cooking for Ronald McDonald House; Aman Iman (Water for Life).

Fund Raising:

FISH BROIL - Richard Tracy has agreed to chair the Fish Broil committee. The Fish Broil is scheduled for Saturday, 11/6/10. This is a huge event with lots of work to be done. Volunteers are needed! Some ideas were discussed regarding the silent auction. Suggestions were made on how to improve on last year's event.

GOLF TOURNAMENT - This event is in May and is another large fundraiser for the school. Nicole Morris is in charge of this event and will be looking for volunteers.

Other fund raising ideas mentioned were: Equal Exchange (sale of coffee/tea/chocolates) possibly around Valentines Day; Square One Art (possible around the winter holidays); Scholastic Book Fair (possibly around Easter/Spring).

Garden/Grounds: Karla Hollan asked if there was parent/child interest in starting the worm farm again this year. The overwhelming response was YES. Karla will work on bringing the worms back from their summer break.

Mulch needs to be raked away from the fence again. Judi also mentioned a work day is needed soon.

Green Team: Renata Kluzak talked about what the Green Team accomplished last year. Some fund raising ideas specific to the green team were discussed (i.e. Go Green Lunch Boxes). There was a question about water filters. These cannot be installed until the school has a commercial dishwasher. Judi volunteered to call the Health Department regarding requirements. Amy Losoya volunteered to get a proposal on the rental of a commercial dishwasher.

Holiday Parade: The parade this year is scheduled for Saturday, 12/11/10. Ed Kohler has again volunteered to build the float and pull it with his truck. It will be a Winter Wonderland theme. Children will need beanies and scarves - no specific color. More information will be available as this date approaches.

Hospitality/Social Committee: Denise Tomey has volunteered to head this committee in conjunction with Lisa Davis.

Public Relations/Marketing: Karla Hollan volunteered to take pictures, which will be used to update the Web site. The office will now be responsible for updating the Web site.

PTO Membership Dues: Dues have been increased to \$15.00 per family.

Date and Time of PTO meetings: PTO meetings will continue to be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The time will alternate between 2:45pm (*changed from 3 pm*) and 6:00pm. An email will be sent out prior to meeting and a notice will be posted on both bulletin boards. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/12/10 at 6:00 PM.

After each PTO meeting, a copy of our Agenda, sign in sheet and the minutes of the meeting and treasurer's report will be turned in the Montessori Board and the minutes will be posted on the Web site.

Upcoming Events: International Day of Peace is Tuesday, September 21. All children will wear white and the elementary children will march on Gulf Way.

Sunshine Gymnastics will offer an after school program in the Stern Building every Thursday from 2:30 - 4:15 pm. This will begin on Thursday, September 16th.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM.