

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting 9/18/14

Attendance

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Suzanne Sands, Emily O'Brien, Lisa Lersch, Jane Duncan, Molly O'Neil, Eva Minnig, Nicole Phelan, Sarah Steiner, Annie Lenzke, Julie Sommers, Lizzy Jaworski, Penny Robbins, Joe Mobile

Absent: Chris Bjork, Katie McCarney

Welcome Back – Sarah

- Sarah briefly reviewed the contents of the Board member folders passed out. She reminded everyone to keep a position log throughout the year in any format they desire so that they are documenting the work they do in their role to make transitions easy going forward.
- She then expressed gratitude to Sarah and Nicole our volunteer chairs who have been VERY busy getting all of the parent volunteering opportunities up and running in our classrooms. She thanked Emily for all of her work as the treasurer role transitioned to her over the summer and also welcomed our newest board members: Annie, Eva, Lizzy and Katie.
- We are still looking for a few volunteers to work on the Giving Tree and Kindershop committees so spread the word.
- Board Compassion Project: Halloween Costume Drive plans were discussed. We will be collecting gently used costumes from now until October 10th. We will have a packaging party for Kinderhaven families interested in helping out with two shifts on Monday, October 13th 10 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM – 3PM. Classes will be creating some art work that can be used as graphics for gift labels. Costumes will be packed in large ziplocs for ease of storage and distribution. The Dance Academy donated all of the costumes they had left following their recent costume sale. We also have some we saved from Kindershop donations. Suzanne will work on publicity. All costumes will be given to a Headstart program and an elementary school in Waukegan.
- Summer Progress & Grant Update: Our classroom redesign grant is almost complete and the classroom is really looking amazing and working so well at this point. The art studio and iPad grants were approved via email. One provides needed furnishing to transform our new art studio space into an Atelier a major component of the Reggio way. Gratitude was expressed for the above and beyond effort of Lisa Watters who volunteered so much time to assist Ms. Sindt in setting up the Atelier. The iPad grant provided each classroom with a dedicated iPad for use in documentation work allowing teachers to work on this time consuming task from home as needed.
- Maguire Family Nutrition Grant – The Maguire Family is going to be donating \$1000 to be used to supplement the Kinderhaven snack budget so snacks provided to the children can be organic. Logistics are being worked out.
- We need a family to host this year's Giving Tree Gathering. We are also looking for a Purple Parent Night host.
- We've decided to do the CD's as a year end gift this year since we just gave everyone magnets and this way they can be compiled based on music students are listening to during the year.

Treasurer's Report – Emily

- Emily shared the budget for the upcoming year and it was approved.
- She also gave a brief explanation of our accounting and our finances as well as our relationship with the Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Rec.
- Suzanne updated everyone on our independent non-profit status. The paperwork has been submitted and we are waiting to hear.

Director's Update--Penny

- Penny spoke briefly about our two fabulous new teachers Lisa Moulton and Amber Vice. Visit the website to learn more about our teachers. <http://www.cityoflakeforest.com/parks-and-recreation/kinderhaven/staff/>
- Kinderhaven will be offering K-2 after school art classes in the new space and possible a Women's Art Night for fun.
- Picture Days are coming up and room parents will coordinate volunteers.
- Benny's Bazaar Applications are Due in October visit <http://www.bennysworld.org> for more information.
- The teachers will again be visiting Madison's Preschool of the Arts as they have been invited by the new director to come take a tour and exchange ideas.
- Penny is in the process of updating the KPA brochure.

Fall PR & Recruiting

- Molly shared some pricing on sandwich board ideas. Various options were discussed she is going to look into one that inserts can be put into so we don't have to spend money on printing weather proof boards to mount on it. Joe is going to help her with pricing as he uses the same vendor for Rec Center purchasing.
- Fall Drop-In Flyer is in the works and publicity for that will roll out soon.
- Community Boards are reserved for January.

Fundraising & Partnership/Directory Updates – Lisa

- Lisa is working on the getting all of the directory paperwork together and will go to print once she has everything.
- She has all of the FUNdraising Social Events planned for the fall. A save the date flyer was shared and a brochure is in the works for parents that highlights our most recent grants and all of these upcoming events.
- September (Wed. 9/24 & Thurs. 9/25) - Thirty-One Gifts Sale (Lisa Watters setting up tables in Art Studio & outside - weather permitting!)
- October (Wed, 10/22, 7:00pm) - The Dailey Method Cycle Class
- November (Wed, 11/12, 6:00p-8:00p) - Alixandra Collections Shopping Night
- December (Thurs, 12/11, 5:00p-7:00p) - UB Nails: Mimosas & Manicures

Social Events - Jane

- A Parent Paddle Party was discussed. It was decided that doing this in January may be the best timing since the Fall is so busy.
- Red and Blue Parent nights are not currently on the agenda.
- Purple Parent Night in need of a host.

Upcoming Important Dates MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Kinderhaven Picture Days

Purple & Take Two Tuesday, September 30th

Red & Blue Wednesday, October 1st

Next Meeting: October 16th at 9:30 AM @ CROYA

Thank you for reading to the end of the Parent Board Notes!