

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting 10/16/14

Attendance

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

Fall Updates – Sarah

- Halloween Costume Drive (Board Compassion Project) – We collected and packaged around 200 costumes. All packages were labeled with the costume name and size and then sorted by size. Penny and Kelly along with a few volunteers will be distributing them in Waukegan over the weekend. ***Suzanne spent \$130 on packing materials so each board member is asked to give \$10 to her to cover this cost (feel free to drop off in Emma's mailbox at KPA).***
- We are still in need of venues for Giving Tree and Purple Parent Night. Please ask around and let Sarah know if anyone is willing to host either of these events.
- Grant Progress Update on Classroom & Art Studio – Final purchases are being made and various invoices are being paid with respect to these grants. The spaces have really come together. Huge thanks to Lisa Watters and Ray for their hands-on help with these projects.
- Organic Snack Update – Sarah and Penny will be meeting with Shannon to figure out the logistics for this family donation/grant.
- Supplemental Materials Grant for 2014-15 – Sarah presented the grant and explained the history of this grant, which we have funded for the past two years. After a brief discussion the board voted to fund this grant for \$500 this year.

September Meeting Notes – Suzanne

- No changes or questions.

Treasurer's Report – Emily

- Emily is working on paying invoices related to the current grants as well as reimbursing expenses related to the work of the board as needed.
- The Recreations Center agreed to pay for the School Directories this year.

Director's Update--Penny

- Halloween Costume Drive Plans – Penny and Kelly are planning to do the distribution in a local church parking lot. They will have balloons, snacks and goodie bags for the children who come to get costumes. The church has been helping them spread the word in the community since the schools have been closed due to the teacher strike.
- ***Board members PLEASE RSVP to Penny about the November 7th craft night that she and Kelly are hosting in the new Art Studio as a show of gratitude to the board.***
- Art Studio – Penny expressed her sincere gratitude to the entire board and everyone who helped the art studio become a reality.
- Take Two – This program is almost full. It is going very WELL! We have a couple families who are now using this program as their child's only preschool experience.

Fall PR & Recruiting - Molly

- Molly shared the pricing for the sandwich board. It will cost \$140 for the sign and \$100 for four printed inserts. It was decided that we could reorder inserts each year as needed for marketing events to the community at large on the corner and that laminated posters could be taped to the board for school only marketing near the playground. Suzanne will collaborate with Molly, Jane, Sarah and Penny to create the inserts.
- Molly also shared that when she went to the Chamber of Commerce she learned that they distribute boxes of information to new families. The Rec Center has a folder in these boxes so we hope to have our publicity brochures inserted into the folders going forward.
- No response from Make It Better so far.
- Penny will do the media publicity for the November Drop-In through the Rec Center office.

Health & Wellness – Chris

- Due to the number of allergies and food issues the tastings program has been discontinued.
- The plan is to do lessons about healthy choices such as: junk food vs. healthy food, types of nutritious food (food pyramid), importance of sleep, and the importance of hydration. More to come as the curriculum is planned.

Fundraising & Partnership/Directory Updates – Lisa

- Lisa published and distributed the school directory.
- September (Wed. 9/24 & Thurs. 9/25) - Thirty-One Gifts Sale HUGE SUCCESS – Lisa donated \$525 cash to be used toward Art Studio costs; \$567 worth of products for use in the classroom; and \$310 worth of products for the Giving Tree event. Thank you to everyone who supported this sale.
- Marketing for the next UPCOMING EVENT is underway: October (Wed, 10/22, 7:00pm) - The Dailey Method Cycle Class. Sign up available on the [Daily Method website](#). Suggested donation \$20 per person. Cycle class followed by shopping, refreshments and time to visit.
- 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

- Parent Paddle Party Details – There is a rental fee of \$200 so there will be a suggested donation for those who attend the event to cover the cost. It will be on Saturday, January 24th. Details to come.

Upcoming Important Dates MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fall Drop-In: Friday, November 14th 2-4 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 20th at 9:30 AM @ CROYA



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