

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting

Thursday November 19th, 2015



Attendance

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Lisa Watters, Emily O'Brien, Lisa Lersch, Molly O'Neil, Eva Minnig, Chris Bjork, Annie Lenzke, Julie Haas, Jessica Niemeier, , Penny Robbins

Absent: Nicole Phelan, Joe Mobile, Diane Cooper, Katie McCarney, Daphne Johnson

Chair Updates – Sarah

- Sincere thank you for the hard work and support of the Board members over the course of the last month. The School Directory, Halloween parties, Mom's Night Out and support for Amber Vice's family fundraiser were all very successful.

Tree Lighting update – Eva

- Festivities will include a viewing of Home Alone at the Gorton Center, followed by visits with Santa, caroling and dancing in Market Square. There will also be a "shopping passport" offered during this time with eligibility for a grand prize drawing. Lights will be lit at 5:15.

Fundraising Update – Sarah on behalf of Daphne

- Another Bake 425 night has been scheduled for March 30th, 2016
- LF Bookstore has offered to give us our own Book Fair during February around Valentines Day.
- Alixandra shopping night to be confirmed but likely will December 15th.
- Dailey Method Barre class in January 2016.
- Also working on UB Nails before Spring Break.
- We should explore the idea of a Dad's Night.

October Meeting Notes – Lisa W.

- Meeting minutes from October 17th were approved.

Director's Update - Dr Robbins

- Halloween Parties were a big success. The Room Parents deserve a lot of credit for how well things went.
- The Scarf Project – Red Class is leading this initiative. Collecting through Dec 11th, the goal is 200 pieces. Hats, mittens or scarves are needed, they can be new or gently used. Hoping to take some Board Members and kids to actually hang them up.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up, if you don't have a time to attend during the scheduled times please contact your teachers to set-up a different date.

- Still looking at a date for teacher training trip to Italy, they haven't posted any Spring dates yet.
- Penny's brother has moved to intermediate care, out of critical care, thank you for all the support.
- Holiday Programs are coming up.

Treasurer Report - Emily

- Mom's Night Out/Thirty-One Gifts event raised \$206.56 in cash for Kinderhaven and four personalized caddies for each class were donated valued at \$128.

Fall Survey & Social Chair Update – Lisa L.

- Fall survey is going out before Thanksgiving and will be open until mid-December. If anyone has any specific questions they would like included please let Lisa L. know.
- In the New Year (Jan/Feb) we would like to do another party for parents. Last year we did a Paddle Party which was well attended. To help with participation we could have an ambassador from each class.

PR & Recruiting Report – Molly

- Fall Drop-In was really well attended, 10 families attended and all seemed very interested. Thank you to Sarah and Emily for helping out, it's very helpful to have other parents there to be available to talk to parents.
- January is our bigger Drop-In, more volunteers are welcome.
- Paid advertisements have been explored to further our exposure to the LF/LB communities. Agreed probably not necessary at this stage since all our classes have been historically full with waiting lists.
- Brochures will be going in the Newcomers packages that the city distributes.
- We now have a contact at the Daily North Shore that will help us promote our events. The Rec. Center works with the Lake Forester and will help us promote our events.
- The Community Boards are already reserved for next year.

Kindershop Update - Jessica

- Committee Meeting is tonight.
- We now have a Storage Unit and got the first 2 months half price.
- We have our postcards ready to distribute.
- After winter break planning some Indoor Playdates to encourage drop-off's.
- Look at placing a drop-off bin in the Rec. Center for public donations, a time period before Winter Break and right after Winter Break.

Giving Tree Report – Annie & Julie

- Kick-off meeting took place with our committee.

- Learned that we need to educate our guests at the beginning of the night about the raffle.
- The adult fun raffle packages did really well. The Gift Card Board and bottles of wine for the wine auction were very popular.
- The team is super energetic, we have new members, they are very motivated.
- Working on a theme for the event, may go with the same “Rustic Elawa” or change.

Nutrition Update – Chris

- The Rainbow charts that went home with the kids were very popular and successful in the home.
- Next we are going to have the kids make Apple Sauce and give the kids their own little mashers.
- Chris has a box of each month’s ideas/supplies that can be transitioned to a new committee member.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Alixandra Shopping Night	Tuesday, December 15 th , 2015
January Open House	Saturday, January 9 th , 2016
Next Board Meeting	Thursday, January 14th 2016