

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting

Thursday February 18th, 2016



Attendance

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Lisa Watters, Jessica Niemeier, Eva Minnig, Chris Bjork, Penny Robbins, Katie McCarney, Daphne Johnson

Absent: Joe Mobile, Lisa Lersch, Molly O'Neil, Emily O'Brien, Julie Haas, Annie Lenzke, Nicole Phelan, Diane Cooper

Chair Updates – Sarah

- Now is a good time to think about next year, whether you will be staying on the Board, are there roles turning over? If you are transitioning can you help identify a replacement and start getting your stuff organized for the next person.
- New Family Coffee – Molly will host again, date to be finalized, usually it's early April before The Giving Tree.
- Recently, parents have organized informal class social events. The Red Class had a social night last night at the Deer Path Inn, about 10 people turned up. The Purple Class had one last week.

November Meeting Notes – Lisa W.

- Meeting minutes from January 14th, 2016 were approved.

Fundraising Update – Daphne

- LF Bookstore – Sarah commented that this partnership is such a great fit for our school and it is wonderful that Daphne was able to establish this connection. The Bookstore employees were very supportive of our event and even special ordered some books for us that the teachers recommended. We are expecting a check in excess of \$200 from the sales. They have offered us the first week in December 2016 for our next event, which will be great for holiday shopping.
- Another Bake 425 night is coming up after Spring Break. Around Mothers Day we are arranging a night at UB Nails.
- Alixandra Collections - \$128 check on the way. This will be our last year with them as the LF store is closing.

Director's Update - Dr Robbins

- Creativi Bambini visit – 40 educators attended, mostly local, our school was from the farthest away. The school is only 4 years old. The founder of the school sold everything and moved to Reggio Emilia in Italy for 2 years. When she returned she attempted to establish a school to be as much like a school as in Reggio Emilia. Probably one of the best teacher trainings they have been to. The teachers did the training and it was a great opportunity to talk to the teachers. All our teachers left very inspired.

Treasurer Update – Sarah on behalf of Emily

- Any expenses you have please submit them to Emily so that we can stay up to date with our budget.

Paddle Party Update – Sarah on behalf of Lisa

- 15 couples are expected. Some of the social budget will be used to purchase beer and then the food will be potluck. Everyone is welcome, even if your spouse is unavailable. Suggested donation is \$10 per couple to offset some of the costs.

Giving Tree – Sarah on behalf of Annie & Julie

- Save The Date has been out since January. The actual invitation will be sent the first week of March.
- Donations for raffle items are still welcome. Looking for hotels for the Staycation package in Chicago, if anyone has hotel points. Also looking for restaurant connections.
- Liquor license is approved.

Kindershop – Jessica

- Playdate was very successful, we collected 4 car loads of stuff. There were some non-Kinderhaven families. The committee is planning another playdate event after Spring Break and will try to reach out to the half-day Kindergarten classes in the district as well.
- Pick-up day was also successful. We picked up from 12 locations and Jessica has also obtained free stuff from the Facebook marketplaces.
- Donation Drive flyers are being put up around local businesses.
- New Storage Unit - we now have combination locks so people can easily coordinate drop-offs with the committee members without them having to be present.
- We still have the donation bin in the Rec. Center near the Fitness Center.

Friends Report – Eva

- Results from the audit:
 1. Remove from our Parent Board website, “under the umbrella of the Friends of LF Park Parks & Rec.”
 2. Set-up a process of reconciliation with the Friends Board for the funds that are used from the Friends account.
 3. They want someone from each area such as Dance, Wildlife Discovery and Kinderhaven to be on their Board.
- Fourth of July – the Friends Board like the idea of an art activity at the event. They would like a proposal of what we are suggesting for their next meeting on March 7th.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Next Board Meeting	Thursday, March 10th 2016
The Giving Tree	Saturday, April 23 rd 2016
Kinderhaven Art Show	Sunday, May 1 st 2016
Kindershop	Saturday, May 21 st 2016