

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting 11/13/12

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Suzanne Sands, Jane Duncan, Julie Sakici, Nicole Phelan, Emily Houlihan, Penny Robbins, Joe Mobile, Amie Marks, Lindsey Ragsdale

Absent: Molly O'Neil, Debbie Silver, Jennifer Goldman, Julie Sommers, Lisa Silvers

Giving Thanks & Fall Updates – Sarah

- Thank you to everyone on the Board for all of the little things you are all doing to keep things running smoothly.
- Nutrition is off to a great start.
- People are loving the CDs which was truly a team effort.
- Blue Parent Night is November 29th and invitations will go out this afternoon.

GRANT PROGRESS:

- Thank you to Amie for writing the Classroom Support Grant. It was unanimously approved. A \$500 prepaid gift card has been purchased and given to Penny to share with the teachers for ongoing classroom related purchases. They will then turn in expense forms and receipts.

October Meeting Notes – no changes or questions

Director's Update--Penny

- Picture Day retakes will be November 28th. We will get feedback about the new photographer in our upcoming survey.
- Recruiting: 2 families attending drop-in, 4-5 packets have been sent to interested families, 8 calls have been taken.
- Teacher Training:
 - Teachers are participating in a bi-weekly journal club. They bring in articles to share and discuss that are relevant to their work in the classroom.
 - Reggio trip for the summer is hopefully going to happen.
 - A trip to a Reggio school Madison WI is in the works for January.

Treasurer's Report—Amie

- An updated budget for the year was presented and agreed to by those present. It will be posted on our website.
- CDs came in WAY under budget from initial proposal. Yeah!
- Tax ID letters were distributed for sharing with businesses that donate to Kinderhaven events.

Social Committee - Lindsey

- Do we need to continue the Summer Event? Consensus was no. It was suggested that rather than an event simply communicating with parents over the summer would be enough. Possibly and introduction to the teachers as the beginning of school approaches.
- Maybe this committee could help with the ice cream social? This was to be discussed at a future time.

Fundraising/Partnerships – Sarah (on behalf of Lisa)

- Nail Nights a success. 8 at Purple, 12 at Blue & 10 scheduled to attend Red.
- Coming up: Alixandra Shopping Night December 5th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Flyers were put in mailboxes and posted on the website. Email reminder will be sent.
- We will be doing an email blast about shopkinderhaven.org to encourage people to share this way of supporting Kinderhaven going into holiday shopping season.

Kindershop - Nicole

- Collection Drive Nov. 26th – Dec. 7th. Flyers to be posted around town and in mailboxes.
- Tax receipts will be available at drop-off box.
- See website for more details.

Directory & Survey – Sarah (on behalf of Debbie)

- We will send an email to collect any Directory corrections and will distribute them.
- The Fall Survey is in the works and should be out soon.

Communication Discussion

- A Board Bulletin Board was discussed and will hopefully be posted in the lobby at some point where upcoming events can be posted.

Giving Tree - Lindsey

- They are focused on the raffle at this point and working out the details and logistics.
- They are also in talks about food, music, and servers.

In Other News

- The teachers are going to climb the stairs at the AON building as part of Step Up for Kids 2013 on January 27th in support of Benny's World. For more information, to participate or give support visit http://www.heroesforlife.org/site/TR/Events/StepUpforKids/1754589585?pg=team&fr_id=1400&team_id=17880

Upcoming Important Dates MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 16th Fall Drop-In at Kinderhaven from 2-4 PM

November 26th thru December 7th Kindershop Collection Drive

November 29th Blue Parent Night

December 5th Shopping Night at Alixandra in Lake Forest

January 15th Next Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting CROYA 9:30 AM

