

## **Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting 4/16/13**

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Suzanne Sands, Amie Marks, Penny Robbins, Joe Mobile, Julie Sakici, Julie Sommers, Emily Houlihan

Absent: Jennifer Goldman, Molly O'Neil, Debbie Silver, Nicole Phelan, Lindsey Ragsdale, Lisa Silvers & Jane Duncan

### **Looking Ahead – Sarah**

- New Parent Coffee has a nice turnout and was a lovely event. Thank you to Molly for hosting and providing everything. Thank you to Jane for doing the invitations.
- The Spring Survey will go out to parents after the Giving Tree event.
- Our Year End Board Gathering will take place at Authentico and invitations will be out soon.
- Welcome Wagon was discussed as they had approached us to be their exclusive preschool but it was decided that would not be a worthwhile use of funds as word of mouth seems to be our most powerful tool.
- Spring Fundraising: May 9<sup>th</sup> will be another Shopping Night at Alixandra.
- Art Show Volunteers are needed. Volunteer Spot will be used for this as a trial for using it for future events such as Kindershop.
- Board Changes for 13-14 so far.  
Leaving the Board: Jennifer Goldman, Lindsey Ragsdale, Julie Sakici, Debbie Silver, & Lisa Silvers  
Joining the Board: Tanner VanDusen, Lisa Lersch, & Emily O'Brien

### **March Meeting Notes – no changes or questions**

#### **Director's Update--Penny**

- ART SHOW – May 5<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm. It promises to be an amazing event. The kids are so invested in the work they are doing.
- Penny will be gone Thursday and Friday this week (April 18 & 19) presenting to the Family Council of the Midwest. Here presentation is focusing on How to Help Children with Empathy and Compassion in a World filled with Hate and Despair.
- Teachers are finalizing their year-long research projects. They chose study topics at the beginning of the year and have been doing reading and observations as well as incorporating their learning into classroom practice throughout the year.
- Year End Dates to Remember
  - Purple & Blue Class Last Day Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Red Class Graduation Thursday, May 16
  - All School Picnic at Northcroft Park Friday, May 17th

#### **Treasurer's Report – Amie**

- **Please turn in any and all receipts so an updated and accurate financial report can be generated.**
- Invoices will need to be provided to Amie prior to Giving Tree so she can prepare checks and cash tip envelopes that will be needed the night of the event.
- The response rate for the Giving Tree Gathering is ahead of prior years. There are already over 70 people attending and there is still time for RSVPs to come in. Over \$7500 has been raised.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week – Julie Sakici**

- May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week
- Room Parents are organizing student made teacher gifts. These will be presented during the last ten minutes of class on one day in each class that week along with some other possible treats and gifts. Be on the look out for communication from your Room Parents.
- Nicole and Julie will be doing some small things for the entire staff throughout the week and putting up some decorations in celebration of our teachers.
- The Kinderhaven Parent Board will treat the teachers to lunch during their Friday afternoon staff meeting. This is being done in place of the school-wide breakfast that we have done in the past.

### **Kindershop – Julie Sommers**

- We have acquired a new unit.
- Benny's Spring Bazaar will be at Kindershop.
- Nicole will be publicizing the Spring Drive.
- There will be a volunteer sign-up going out soon. Volunteers are needed Friday and Saturday (possibly Thursday night as well to load the truck if it's available) to help with getting all of the stuff from storage to the Gym, setting up, working the sale, cleaning up, and returning items to be saved to storage. Lots of volunteers are needed.
- Stacey is arranging a truck to transport items from storage to the Gym.
- There will be two sorting meetings of the Committee at the storage unit between now and the event.
- Maureen is placing ads in local media.
- Walter is printing flyers to be distributed in neighboring communities as well as Lake Forest.
- Yard signs have been ordered that will be reusable from year to year as they simply say "This Saturday."
- Signs for posting at the Rec will be forwarded to Joe and he will make sure they are posted.

### **Giving Tree – Lindsey**

- An email reminder will be sent out.
- Hat Night is Thursday at Encore! in Highwood for those in the market for a hat.
- There will be an email going out to all reminding people to bring cash for the raffle and giving a preview of the raffle items.
- Last minute raffle and logistical items will be taken care of over the next week.
- An email reminder will be sent to those providing supplies for the event.
- The Sommers need to know about needs as far as hightop tables are concerned.
- See Amie's report.

### **Upcoming Important Dates MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>GIVING TREE GATHERING</b>	<b>MAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>KINDERSHOP</b>
<b>MAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ART SHOW at CROYA 1-3 PM</b>	<b>MAY 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Old/New BOARD MEETING</b>
<b>MAY 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kindershop Set Up</b>	<b>MAY 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year End Board Dinner</b>

