

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting 5/21/13

Present: Jane Duncan, Sarah Lockhart, Suzanne Sands, Molly O'Neil, Penny Robbins, Nicole Phelan, Lindsey Ragsdale, Julie Sommers, Emily Houlihan, Chris Bjork, Lisa Lersch, & Tanner VanDusen.

Absent: Amie Marks, Sarah Steiner, Jenny Mulliken, Emily O'Brien, Jennifer Goldman, Molly O'Neil, Debbie Silver, Lisa Silvers & Julie Sakici

Year-end Wrap-Up – Sarah

- Thank you to all for all of the work that went into all of our spring events. Giving Tree was fantastic and brought in more money than ever, Kindershop was great, we had another successful shopping night at Alixandra, and Teacher Appreciation Week was a huge hit as well.
- Leaving the Board: Jennifer Goldman, Lindsey Ragsdale, Julie Sakici, Debbie Silver, & Lisa Silvers
- A Big Welcome to Chris Bjork, Lisa Lersch, Jenny Mullioken, Emily O'Brien, Sarah Steiner & Tanner VanDusen who are joining the Board.
- I will be meeting with new board members over the summer to help with the transitions.
- A Fond Farewell to Jenn Goldman, Lindsey Ragsdale, Julie Sakici, Debbie Silver, & Lisa Silvers.
- Please remember to turn in position logs to Sarah this week.
- Board Dinner is May 30th at Authentico at 7PM. This is a pay your own way event so it's \$40 for each person attending and we treat Dr. Robbins. Please bring cash.

April Meeting Notes – no changes or questions

Director's Update--Penny

- Thank you to all for a great year. It's been a very busy and great year at Kinderhaven in large part due to the support of this Board.
- Upcoming Grant Proposals:
 - The Wonder of Learning – Hundred Languages of Children exhibit from Reggio Emilia, Italy is currently in Henderson, Kentucky through the end of June. This exhibit only visits North America once every few years. It is a fantastic learning opportunity for our teachers. Dr. Robbins hopes to take as many teachers as can go on an overnight road trip to see it. The grant would be for gas money and lodging for those who can attend. It will be voted on via e-mail once it is written up.
 - Reggio Trip – The much awaited Reggio trip grant may be brought to us over the summer or right as the school year starts. The next opportunity to attend this training is coming up in November. Dr. Robbins has been trying to find a summer opportunity for a number of years and that just hasn't been offered. This grant will include, airfare, lodging, tuition and possibly other travel expenses.

Treasurer's Report – Amie

- **Please turn in any and all receipts BY JUNE 15TH so this year's books can be closed. Our current spending is significantly under budget in some areas and we need to know what things really cost so we can budget appropriately. If you do not wish to be reimbursed for expenses incurred we are grateful but please let Amie or Sarah know what was spent so we have the funds available in the future if needed.**
- An update on our working budgetary expenses was shared. Since there are still outstanding expenses yet to be reimbursed the final accounting will be shared in the fall.

- We are awaiting our most recent accounting of the balance of our account within the Friends of LF Parks and Rec account. This is the account where most of our funds are held.
- A summary of this year's fundraising events was also shared. We raised a total of \$17,645.57.

Alixandra Event 1	\$215.55
Homemade Pizza Co.	\$300
UB Nails Nights	\$78
Shopping Gives Back	\$38.82
Alixandra Event 2	\$282.20
Giving Tree	\$14,320.00*
Kindershop	\$2,411.00*
TOTAL	\$17,645.57

*These numbers are revenue only and not net of expenses.

- An initial Budget Proposal for 2013-14 was shared and has yet to be finalized. More of our budget is now being used for classroom support. When we have provided grants that require ongoing funding we are moving those items into our budget so we don't have to be going to Friends for lots of small checks. The final budget once agreed upon will be published on our website in the fall.

Kindershop – Discussion

- It was another successful event. We are getting an additional donation from Benny's World of around \$250 that we will figure out exactly how to spend in an appropriate way for the classroom in the fall. We had a brief discussion about Kindershop. This event isn't really just a fundraising event. It is also about our families contributing to the surrounding community at large by making our gently used children's items available at a fraction of the retail cost. Each year much of what is collected ends up being donated to organizations in need. It is also a way for our families to clear their lives of unnecessary excess. Many other suggestions were shared related to the specifics of the event and Julie will be reaching out to Board members, the Kindershop committee and beyond to gather input that next year's committee can consider in the planning process.

Giving Tree – Biggest Fundraiser to Date!

- Overall feedback has been that it was a fantastic party and a great way for our parents to get together in celebration of our school.
- In our discussion about this event everyone was reminded that this party is done with a small budget from the Board (*around \$14 per attendee was spent from our budget*) and donations from Board members and other Kinderhaven families. It is free to attend because we don't want it to be an event that people have to pay to attend. The idea being that all of the money donated directly to the school goes towards grants for the school. The raffle items are all donated as well and the money raised is used for the school and to fund the work of next year's Board (our budget is available on our website).

Survey Results – Suzanne on behalf of Debbie Silver

- There was a slight glitch and so this year's results were commingled with last year's spring survey results. Comments from this year's survey related to the work of the Board, Giving Tree, and Kindershop were shared and briefly discussed.

- Specific details and survey results related to the running of Kinderhaven are only shared with Dr. Robbins. She then reviews the feedback with the staff.

Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation - Julie Sakici

- The Friends donated \$500 to our Giving Tree event this year.
- They have their two major fundraisers for the year coming up so we like to try to get the word out.
- **Fred Jackson Golf Classic**
Date: Friday, June 7, 2013
Location: Deerpath Golf Course
Golfers wanted!
Early bird special: \$150 per golfer when registered by May 22nd.
\$600 per foursome.
Fees include 18 holes plus cart, lunch, beverages, awards, Mayor's Cup, player gifts, and silent auction.
- **Fourth of July Festival and Fireworks**
Headliner: Dennis DeYoung of Styx, Opener: Maggie Speaks
Electronic ticket sales this year - available for purchase now - <http://friendslfpr.org>.
\$10/residents, kids 4 and under free. Food by Lovells, Margaritas by Authenticio
- ***Sponsors/private donations always welcome! Money raised by the Friends goes to support Parks and Rec programs and events that would otherwise go unfunded by the city.***

Upcoming Important Dates MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 30th Year End Board Dinner