

## **FUMCN Board Meeting Minutes – 12-10-07**

Submitted by Vicki Haviland, 1-13-08

**Members present:** Lisa Hirsch, Ellen Lewis, Cindy DeHart, Shannon Morrin, Kirsten Sterken, Colleen Burroughs, Mary Page, Susan Sowder, Staci Almeida, Kristen Blackburn, Nicole Hultgren, Wendy Yallop, Shelley Rettell, Sue Pastula, Robin Heschles, Lisa Ziegler, Laura Dills, Vicki Haviland

Ellen Lewis shared a cute story about “round John Virgin” as an opener.

### **November minutes accepted.**

**Thanks** to the 3s for doing extra assisting as emergencies, and to Laura Dills for the great letter explaining why we changed the policy to support all the young 3s.

The **FUM-5s Book Fair** was a success bringing in \$2000. Thanks for buying books!

Cindy shared a **member comment** that someone had received website spam linked to the FUMCN website. We should let alums opt in or out of our email records and should only have email addresses in the log-in part of the site.

### **Teacher report – Juli Miettinen (reported by Cindy DeHart)**

Cindy shared that Sue will look for a new lid for the texture table since the mold in the table seems to have made a permanent smell.

### **President report – Cindy DeHart**

We had several licensing citations, many of which are linked to FUMKids or FUM- 5s:

- The young children caregiver needs a shaken baby syndrome workshop.
- Sherry is identified as the lead caregiver.
- New diaper changing mat needed.
- Blood Bourne Pathogens training needed.
- CO2 Detectors needed.
- Hot water needs to be turned down.
- Rules and regulations need to be posted.
- Updated equipment list needed.
- Playground equipment inspection needed.
- Fire, Hot Water, and Furnace inspections needed, which will be partially covered by the church.

### **Climber:**

- Rungs on the ladder of the climber need to be closer together – either 3.5 inches or less OR larger than 9 inches apart.
- Bar on the secret passage.
- Pads for other places.

**FUM-5s: Susan Sowder**

Good month with field trips to the hospital, Leslie Science Center, Natural History Museum, and Library. Also a Family Thanksgiving Feast and Parent Teacher Conferences.

**HVCCN report and Church Liaison – Ellen Lewis**

HVCCN may not do another parent education night, but may provide something like this another way. We are in transition to another treasurer, so there is not a good budget or financial report yet. The organization is in flux and may join another group, which is the Michigan CCN, which has a good newsletter and parent support.

Ellen will arrange a Critical Incident Report Meeting.

**Assistant Teacher:** Brad said that the assistant teacher for Juli would be a minor cost since it will only be for 2 days and have no benefits. It would be about \$2000 for the rest of the year. \$2000 approved for new teacher and will continue discussion in the future. Lisa, Cindy, and Juli will be an assistant teacher job committee, developing a job description and handling hiring by the beginning of the new semester at the latest.

**Member at Large – Laura Dills**

Please help out with the Chelsea Retirement Community giving by taking one of the “ornaments” with donation suggestions and returning by Friday, 12-16. Kids will wrap the gifts next week and will add a couple of basic gift baskets.

**Membership: Colleen Burroughs and Lisa Hirsch**

- There have been a few interested people who would like to join FUMCN and have us waive the December 1<sup>st</sup> birthday deadline. We need to direct them to FUMKids instead. Colleen will write a letter explaining our policy since the parent seemed not to want to understand this previously.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Open House from 10-11:30. Please carpool or park on the street. The publicity person is on it! We need to decide our tuition for next year soon for the new brochures. FUM5s should coordinate an Open House that day, too.

**Vice President: Wendy Yallop**

- Though we lost our journal people, we have some volunteers to work on them, so it's no problem.
- Do we need board approval for FUMKids scholarships for folks who are getting tuition scholarships to FUMCN? Ellen will take care of this if people report it to her.

**Communications: Bonnie Kerber**

Please send any “peeking in” comments and put in your articles so that we have more to the newsletter.

**Social: Shelly Rettell**

We brainstormed healthy/fun snack ideas for the holiday parties.

**Maintenance: Staci Almeida and Kirsten Sterken**

Maintenance nights are now on the website.

**Treasurer: Shannon Morrin**

- The financial aid application for next semester is due on 12-15. There were 7 for last semester, but none are in yet for next semester, though he has sent individual emails.
- Please make your tuition payments to Shannon's box or in the tuition file in the file cabinet.
- Please give Shannon all checks asap as some are nearly stale-dated!

**Curriculum: Mary Page and Lisa Ziegler**

Please join us to make gingerbread houses on December 11 at 10 am.

**The meeting adjourned so that we could do the all-important and lively gift exchange!**