

FUMCN Board Meeting
Dec. 14, 2009

Board members present: Laura Dills, Robin Hescheles, Karen Fry, Sarah Hafer, Sarah Boren-Rao, Susan Atkins, Yvette Dimcheff, Tonja Fox, Tori Booker, Colleen Burroughs, Jenni Wilkening, Catherine Maruna, Staci Almeida, Beth Pascoe, Barbara Hoffman, Mary Page, Juli Miettinen, Susan Sowder,

Minutes Approval – Catherine Maruna

- November minutes approved
- Juli and Mary are having trouble with Google Docs; Catherine will forward to them via email

Thanks/Kudos

- Sarah Hafer – for setting up Google group
- Beth Pascoe – for quickly taking care of security issues
- FUMCN families – for participating in the FUMC giving tree
- Colleen and her mother-in-law - for sewing the skirts
- Staci - for providing the fabric
- Tonja - for opening her house for our meeting

Reports

3-4's Teacher - Juli Miettinen

- Book fair Recap – \$869 total, \$300 we should get (books and scholastic dollars to be spent using resource book)
- 3pm student issue – the family is no longer at FUMCN, and things are going better for other families. Laura was present at the meeting and provided other options. Sarah H. will remove the mom from the email lists.
- Soccer class for FUMCN – pass info off to Colleen she will check it out (costs, logistics)
- Spanish class for FUMCN – \$200 for FUMCN, maybe less if split with AA coop. Tori will look into it.
- Conference update: Juli Susan, Mary attended the seminar. The focus of the conference was the importance of self-directed play in the preschool setting. And we want to relay this message to parents. Kids learn through play.

Young 5's Teacher - Susan Sowder

- Next year – low enrollment, discuss multi-age classrooms again
- Form a subcommittee to discuss, bring direction to January meeting before open house
- Juli, Mary, Susan S., Susan A., Yvette - they will meet first week back.

Co-Presidents – Laura Dills/Robin Hescheles

- Missing DHS forms – parents shouldn't be able to assist, tell parent they may not sign up for assist days (6 or 7 parents)
- FUMC Staff holiday gifts/gratuities – per Lisa Hirsch no budget for this last year.
 - Ideas – check, purchase scrip's
 - How many people – \$400, we're in the black can afford it, not Beth Pascoe or Jim Danforth (just a card). Motion approved to spend the money.
 - Moira – revisit teacher raises
- Security/Safety Issue – some parents concerned about homeless folks in church
 - Proposed safety plan – thanks to Beth Pascoe
 - Will send out via email, can discuss at next meeting
 - Some of the homeless act protectively, chase away scary folks
 - Van – Jessie, sleeps in it in the parking lot over night
 - Beth will be in charge of this
 - There will be a log book (at Tina's desk) to record interactions, will track violations of

- rules as necessary
- Will discuss at membership meeting
- We have walkie-talkies, will put one each in nursery and 5's room
- Winter Membership meeting
 - 2010-11 Extension of PM classes?
 - 2nd semester signups
 - Juli – safety talk (licensing requirement)
 - 5's should attend

Member at Large - Tonja Fox

- Sent email to 3pm to try recruit true emergency assists, got negative feedback.
- Next semester go with 2 full assists. Also they have a class rep now: Mary-Margaret Morton

Communication - Sarah Hafer

- December newsletter deadline: Dec. 21st

Parent Education - Colleen Burroughs

- Kindergarten Readiness Program: January 25th, 7pm
- Waiting to hear from Ann Arbor Coop, Triangle,
- Laura will contact friend who is president at Stone School

Treasurer - Barbara Hoffman

- Budget update: We're in the black

Membership - Sarah Boren-Rao & Tori Booker

- Want people to be at the open house, answer questions, give tours, fill up space
- Amy – find a sub open house day on Feb 10th
- Karen will look at what we have for food supplies
- No new families joining, 2 additional 3's leads

Curriculum - Staci Almeida & Jenni Wilkening

- Leslie Science Center trip – bring snow clothing
- Gingerbread houses done (2 parents helped)
- Note – Sue I.J. could be a good resource for dealing with concerns over homeless program (social worker)

Social - Karen Fry

- Karen will keep doing social person from 3pm's work
- How do people feel about whole-school social event?
- Are there enough things to do? Low attendance at off site events (2 @ jungle java)
- Social reps are supposed to ask people what they prefer
- Email Karen with feedback, or tell class social rep

Fundraising - Susan Courtright & Robyn Bishop

- Babysitting night – success - \$700 earned
- Need people to volunteer, will bring up in January
 - Perhaps need more notice to recruit volunteers
 - Babysitting night – volunteer at 2 instead of auction item?
 - Maybe volunteer at one, take kids to the next one
 - Will schedule several at the beginning of the year

Publicity - Moira Yuhas

- Advertise in January issue

- Go in with other coops on February issue
- Target people this year too
- Sign on back door – Colleen will check with her husband
- Put banner on railing where cookie walk sign is (check with church)
- One banner missing – Sarah Boren-Rao talked to Ellen about it, we need to talk to Jim Danforth

New Business/Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 19, 2009 – Jan. 3, 2010. - Holiday Break
- January 11, 2010. - Board meeting at FUMC Asbury room
- January 13th, 2010 - FUMCN Winter Membership Meeting (7-9pm)
- January 25, 2010 - Kindergarten Readiness Night
- February 10, 2010 – FUMCN Open House
- March 7, 2010 - Pre-school Expo