

April FUMCN Board Meeting – 4-20-09

Board members attending: Juli Miettinen, Ellen Lewis, Yvette Dimcheff, Susan Atkins, Lisa Ziegler, Lisa Hirsch, Anna Morgan, Mary Page, Jenni Wilkening, Staci Almeida, Moira Yuhas, Katie Foster, Liz Vandemark, Sarah Boren-Rao, Jenni Wilkening, Karen Fry, Susan Sowder, Bonnie Kerber, Vicki Haviland

Minutes for March approved.

Thanks and Kudos –

Way to go Juli for going on the field trip in the rain for 4 pm today!

Health, Safety, and Nutrition -- Yvette Dimcheff

Welcome Night – May 19th

- Check in on the jobs sheet to be sure they are the same – we moved publicity out of communications.
- Sibling care form needed – Ellen Lewis will get it to Yvette – May 1 deadline. Ellen's group will help with collating the packets.
- Number for total number of packets needed by May 1.
- What to do with handbooks? People can keep old ones; new will be online and in the B room.
- Karen does food for Welcome Night.
- Yvette will have nametags.
- Fundraising will have shirts.

Secretary – Vicki Haviland

Handbook

- We need to have a statement about criminal screening. Lisa will write this statement. Police background check – can appoint someone to assist for you if you do not “pass” this screen and executive committee will confidentially deal with it.
- Vicki will make a handout with an overview about the handbook and a statement that people must return saying they've read it.
- We will be doing handbook updates twice a year.
- Will have some hard copies in B room and at welcome night.

Young 5s—Susan Sowder

- Need a committee to write up the 5s stuff. Susan Atkins, Yvette, Katie and Susan Sowder and Vicki will work on it.
- New student in the 5s class is in the 4s class, too. Extra time in class will help his English – he is Swedish.

3s and 4s Teacher – Juli Miettinen

End of Year Picnics

- 3s and 4s picnic on June 1 and 2 (M and T) at Allmendinger at 12:30 each day. Everyone bring lunches. Siblings welcome.
- Classes are going well. No major problems.
- Juli has been nominated to be “arrested” for muscular dystrophy as a fundraiser, and it would take place during class – police come and pick her up at 11:30 on a Wednesday and then people would have to pay to bail her out of jail -- we think it would make some kids very nervous – we can make a donation to MD instead.

Curriculum – Mary Page and Lisa Ziegler

Upcoming events:

- 4-30 Domino’s farms for 3s
- 5-5 dinosaurs for 3s
- Spring sings – 3s May 6, 6-8 pm at church; May 18 6-8 pm at church for 4s
- Mother’s Day parties 7th and 8th – pots and something secret, which is the mom’s spa day
- Mud day is 14th and 15th of May
- Wacky Wednesday for 4s: May 27th -- the whole day backwards
- During the last week of school, we will have an art buffet – art for kids with many activities. For example, lay under tables and paint like Michelangelo
- Last day of school: Friday, May 29th. Also will be the end of year celebration – circus theme – pizza party and bring a donation and have stations that kids can go to and do the fishing booth and face painting and other things – 5:30-7:30 at church in lieu of the end of the year all school picnic that hasn’t been well-attended.
- **Camp dates** – June 1, 3,5,8, 10 (MWF and MW) at Greenwood – 9-11:30 am. Theme is gardening. There will be a fee and an assist component.

Membership – Sarah Boren-Rao

- 3am and 4am are full –
- 3pm have 9 people;4 pm 11ish
- More fliers in the B room - please make a renewed effort to put them up.

Young 5s- Katie Foster

- Deadline is May 1 for next fee for Young 5s for next year, so we should have a more definite sense of numbers by then.
- We have 2 for sure, and 4 who have paid application fee.
- Susan Atkins reported that she had to put up a new sign at library because the tabs were all gone on the old one.

President – Lisa Hirsch

Budget report from Brad.

We did a budgeting scenario for next year based on low numbers: as if we had 7 sts in the 5s class, 30 in the 4s, and 28 in the 3s. With these numbers, if we did \$10K

fundraising, and had Mary doing assistant teaching in both of the 3s classes, we would break even. We are close to those numbers right now. This is based on no raise for teachers.

Issues discussed:

- We need 12-13 kids in a class to need an asst teacher theoretically, but if we have Mary there as a 3rd parent – then people wouldn't have to assist as much as they would in a class with very low numbers– keeps those parents happy.
- Issue of tying raises to class numbers seen as troubling (to Vicki!) since this implies that teacher salaries are not stable and that somehow teacher must bear the brunt of low enrollment; however, this was discussed ahead of time with the teachers and they prefer this scenario to less-than-full-time employment or no assist teacher.
- We will vote for final approval of the budget in May. Lisa will tell Brad that we want to include a line item about salary increase for teachers if we get higher numbers. For now, we are suspending the normal cost of living increases due to low enrollment.

The board for next year:

- All positions filled except President –
- Laura Dills would do secretary and would consider president as co-president with someone she knows; Lisa has told her that next year is not a licensing year and will be organized.
- We would like to have co-presidents with one each from the 3s and 4s.

Treasurer: Shannon Morrin

All is fine. Nothing to report.

Maintenance – Staci Almeida and Jenni Wilkening

A maintenance session is coming up on Saturday – still have a few people who have projects.

Church Liaison: Ellen Lewis

Church has asked if Juli would like to use the display cases with FUMCN fliers and things in middle floor area – April is month of young child, so we will try to do this.

Fundraising – Moira Yuhas and Anna Morgan

Done for the year!– Make it plates made \$250 and will be in Weds before Mother's day!

Communications -- Bonnie Kerber

Newsletter deadline – April 22