

FUMCN Board Meeting Minutes 1-19-09

Submitted by Vicki Haviland, 2-8-09

Board members attending: Lisa Hirsch, Susan Atkins, Yvette Dimcheff, Moira Yuhas, Katie Foster, Michele DeYoung, Michelle Huston, Susan Sowder, Vicki Haviland, Lea Monaghan, Shannon Morrin, Colleen Burroughs, Sarah Boren-Rao, Karen Fry, Liz Vandemark, Staci Almeida, Jenni Wilkening

We circulated a Thank You card to FUMC church women who made a \$200 donation to FUMCN.

December minutes approved.

Thank yous

- Membership Meeting went well. Thanks to Lea for arranging the scheduling and for Susan's presentation about Young 5s.
- Need to have conferences with Ms Juli in time to make decisions for parents considering Young 5s about next year before Open House.

Teacher report – Juli and Mary in absentia

- Classes are going well.
- Thanks to subs from this week.
- People have been doing better with being on time for assisting.
- Mary will talk about Bunny Rescue with kids when she subs tomorrow. They could visit us at school.
- There was meeting for people interested in adding more gardening and nature to our FUMCN program yesterday.
- Monday, March 9 will be a social field trip to the Toledo Zoo. No FUMCN classes that day, and FUMCN will not pay for this as a field trip as we have in the past.

Young 5s – Katie Foster

- Thanks to Nancy Ketola, former FUMCN parent who runs our website, people will now find FUMCN's Young 5s program when they google "Young 5s" or "FUM 5s".
- The Young 5s planning committee called 8 families who have children in the 4s who could be considered eligible for the Young 5s program to survey their interest and needs.

Findings:

- 6/7 families preferred 5 days to 4 days.
- 7/7 prefer to pay more and not assist.
- Mornings are preferred, but afternoons will work.
- Most liked extending the time to be from 12-3.

- 1 family is planning for sure on Young 5s, 2 are likely but may move, 1 is going to kindergarten, 1 is not sure about kindergarten vs Young 5s, and 1 is planning on another program.
- We have changed the name to FUMCN Young 5s to be more clear about the program and to tie it to FUMCN.
- The 5s planning committee will do more polling.

President – Lisa Hirsch

- The plan for next year is to have 1 teacher for Young 5s with 12 kids (Sherry is moving). To meet safety concerns, we now have walkie talkies. We are trying to move the double doors around the corner to integrate Young 5s physically and make it easier for them to use the restroom independently.
- We will keep tuition at \$1175 per semester if we have 6 or more kids.
- If we have fewer than 6, we will not run the program. We could consider having the 4 PM class be bigger with Susan and Juli co-teaching.
- We could raise Susan’s pay if we have 7 or more kids from \$12/hr to \$14/hr.
- If we have 10-12 kids, we could add an assist teacher.
- The AAPS Young 5s program is in question. St. Paul’s is adding a program that will be \$3500 a year. Saline’s Young 5s is in question and costs \$4300.
- For now, we agreed to leave the tuition the same for next year and revisit in March after Open House the salary and structure of the program.
- Since Sherry will not be a teacher next year, we will work on taking her pictures off the website so that we don’t emphasize that we are moving from 2 to 1 teacher.
- 1 student moved after Christmas and we are trying to fill that spot.
- We need a nominating committee for next year’s slate, so email Lisa if you are interested.

Parent Education – Michelle DeYoung

- Susan Sowder and Pam Stout are having a parent education talk about Kindergarten readiness and raising confident children. There are fliers for people to post as this is open to the whole community.
- Kindergarten Readiness night is going to be Wednesday, February 18 at 7 pm in the Asbury room.

- There is a new person doing parenting workshops in town who would like to do a free workshop for FUMCN parents. After we looked at her flier, we agreed to invite her to do one at FUMCN.

Membership – Colleen Burroughs and Sarah Boren-Rao

- We voted to increase tuition for 2009-2010 to \$816/year for 4s and \$544/year for 3s.
- We decided that it makes sense to put tuition rates on the application rather than in the brochure so that we can keep the brochure the same each year.
- We talked about having a banner and a box with applications and brochures at State and Washington for the Open House. We need to pursue this with the church.

Fundraising – Moira Yuhas

- Thanks for the gift certificates for “Above and Beyond” from Moira and Anna.
- We will have a California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser on January 29th all day.
- February 13 will be a babysitting night at \$15/child. There is a sign up sheet in the hall and the last day for reservations will be February 11. It will be from 5:30-9. We need 4-5 FUMCN adults to help, and Staci volunteered to give people a maintenance night free if they work the babysitting night.

Secretary – Vicki Haviland

We need to look at changes for next year’s handbook. Vicki will bring copies for next board meeting. The 5s program has implications for changes, so Susan will work with Vicki to think these through.

Social – Karen Fry

- We will have class coffees in the Wesley Lounge next week.
- The Silpada fundraiser/social event will be from 1-3 pm at Karen’s on Sunday, 2-8-09. We will give invitations to the membership. Board members signed up to bring appetizers, drinks, and other food.

Member at Large – Lea Monaghan

- We are going to do Heifer International instead of UNICEF at Halloween. We could get pledges for reading books in March, National Reading Month.
- Thank you for donations for our Christmas charity with Chelsea Retirement home.
- Parking was a problem for the membership meeting, so maybe we will have it at Greenwood next year.

Maintenance – Jenni Wilkening and Staci Almeida

- The Playdough table is fixed.
- We thought of putting a post-it on games in the Q room so that people can indicate when they play with them, and then we can figure out which ones to get rid of.
- We'd like Juli to come briefly to Take Down at the end of the year so that we can see where stuff is going and what should be tossed.
- We need to move food from the maintenance closet to the A room. We will do this at the next maintenance night.

Health, Safety, and Nutrition – Yvette Dimcheff

- Screening for hearing and vision is upcoming and can include the 5s, too.
- Jill Miller and Dave Miller will be the backup in every way while Yvette is away for February. She will send a message to the entire membership about this.

Other issues

- We need to have effective board meetings that start and end in a timely way. Please plan to arrive at 6:45 to socialize so that we can start at 7 pm. We will make every effort to end by 9, which we can do if we minimize side conversations and stay focused. Please make every effort to arrange to be here from 7-9.
- We need to develop a protocol for discussing personnel issues, especially those that impact our friends and fellow board members. It can be uncomfortable to make decisions quickly and in the presence of those people affected. Susan Atkins and Lisa Hirsch will develop a plan to share with the board so that we can act in the best interest of the co-op and have a means to set aside the specifics of the people involved.
- Gwen is gone and will be back at the end of February. She is arranging all scheduled subs, but needs help to do emergency subs. Lea volunteered to do this. If we can't find a sub, we can close the Q room that day and one of the assist parents can sub.