

## **FUMCN Board Meeting Minutes – 1-14-08**

Submitted by Vicki Haviland, 2-4-08

**Members present:** Lisa Hirsch, Ellen Lewis, Cindy DeHart, Shannon Morrin, Kirsten Sterken, Colleen Burroughs, Mary Page, Sherry Stone, Staci Almeida, Nicole Hultgren, Wendy Yallop, Robin Heschles, Lisa Ziegler, Laura Dills, Vicki Haviland, Juli Miettinen

Ellen opened with a reflection on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

**December minutes accepted pending change in inspection information (hot water was not a citation, but was simply a comment that has been addressed).**

### **Member comments:**

- We need some kind of new sign for the listening center. We asked the Q room maintenance person to make a sign about how to use it. We will also add this to the Q room duties.
- 4 pm parent has a sibling who won't stay in sibling care and has been coming while the parent assists. This parent needs to be asked to make other arrangements.
- We are trying to figure out how to use the IKEA plates and cups. For now, only do it if you want to wash them and bleach them. We may try to train parents to use the dishwasher. Also Sherry can help and Mary might be able to do it.
- Mary will send a letter out to parents about her new position as assistant teacher.

### **Teacher report – Juli Miettinen**

- We will adopt a raptor from the Leslie Science Center again and approved \$50 to spend on this. Our name will be on the cage there and the kids will vote on which one they want to adopt.
- Juli would like to buy \$50 of \$5 gift cards to give out as special thank you's to parents who go beyond the call of duty for FUMCN. She will get these from Espresso Royale or Starbucks.
- Abracadoodle is an art company who does great projects with kids. The FUM-5s are doing it for sure, and board members should check out the catalog to see if we are interested in doing it 1 or 2x/month. We don't know the cost yet.
- AM clases: lots of people are late. WE talked about having a 9 am meeting for assist parents and kids to choose jobs and assign rooms. Same for afternoon classes.
- Conferences for the 4s will be before the Open House.

### **Sherry Stone – FUM-5s**

- We are doing the Abracadoodle program.
- We will have an Open House at the same time as FUMCN's.

### **Cindy DeHart – President**

- We need to decide FUM-5's status for next year – part of FUMCN or part of FUM-Kids.
- Ellen suggested that there would be more continuity and control over what happens with the program if it is part of FUMCN. More and more preschools do have 5s programs. We could easily move it to Greenwood if there is demand, especially if it is part of FUM-Kids, not FUMCN. Also, the church would do the hiring that way. However, if Ellen leaves, a new person might not have it as a priority.
- The teachers would prefer it to be part of FUMCN to share resources and tap in to our strong program. However, it will take a lot of work in the short term to make it happen. It is also possible that we could stay in limbo another year.
- We will have a committee that will talk more and report back next month.
- We got a donation from UMW for \$200. We voted to put \$100 into long-term savings for scholarships. WE will also give \$100 to FUM-5s to buy supplies that FUMCN can use, too.

### **Annual membership meeting**

- We need to include this on the sign up sheet at orientation and in member contracts.
- We might have a member suggestion box.
- Staci, Juli, Cindy, Laura, Robin, and Wendy will be a committee to plan the meeting so that it is carefully orchestrated, useful, lively, and worth member time. We do not want it to be a general complaint session.

### **Laura Dills – Member-at-Large**

We have a few scheduling issues since 3pm people are leaving before the end of the semester. They still need to do all their assists before they leave.

### **HVCCN – Ellen Lewis**

- Ellen recommends not renewing for next year after two years of trying to improve the organization. WE are not getting \$300 worth of services from the group. There are now only 12 members.
- PCPIInternational is another group we could look into. We could also consider NAEYC certification. We could also consider a Washtenaw County providers organization that Juli will look into.

### **Wendy Yallop – Vice President**

Wondering if we are getting people to fill the vacancies and jobs. So far, we're not.

**Nicole Hultgren – Fundraising**

- Parents' Night Out is coming up on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9 pm. Another will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will need volunteers to staff it.
- We will try to sell Tshirts at the Annual Meeting, signed by Ms Juli that night only as an incentive.

**Curriculum – Mary Page and Lisa Ziegler**

- Curriculum will do Make-It Plates.
- The Toledo Zoo trip was scheduled for Good Friday, so we will reschedule it, maybe during Spring Break. Adele needs all field trip dates and to know if they are walking or driving so she can monitor the parking lot.

**Maintenance – Staci Almeida and Kirsten Sterken**

- All people attended the last maintenance night!
- Jenny Wilkening found gym stuff right away for only \$350!
- We will change the next maintenance night and will ask for a Wednesday.
- The Sterkens are moving to South Africa this Spring and are very excited! They will be gone for 2 years. We will miss Kirsten on the board!

**Membership – Lisa Hirsch**

- We have gone through the waitlist for 3 pm with no luck.
- 3am parents are concerned that there are only 4 girls in the class and wonder if there is any way to consider gender in acceptance.
- We need to set tuition for next time. We approved up to a \$15 increase per semester and Cindy and Ellen will meet with Brad to discuss this, especially given the assistant teacher salary.

**Robin Heschles – Parent Education**

- We will have Kindergarten Readiness on January 29 at 7 pm. Dawn Anderson will come and talk to parents as she has for many years.

**Virtual Board Meeting:** We approved \$200 for the custodians' annual bonuses.