

**FUMCN Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Jan. 11, 2010**

**Members Present** Laura Dills, Robin Hescheles, Sarah Hafer, Sarah Boren-Rao, Susan Atkins, Yvette Dimcheff, Tonja Fox, Tori Booker, Elizabeth Elder, Jenni Wilkening, Catherine Maruna, Staci Almeida, Beth Pascoe, Mary Page, Juli Miettinen, Susan Sowder, Robyn Bishop, Colleen Burroughs, Amy Unsworth,, Moira Yuhás, Susan Courtright, Kelly Wiard

**Minutes Approval** – Catherine Maruna

- Minutes approved (\*repost with changes to FUMCN Board Group)

**Member Comments**

- Someone mad that membership meeting is at night

**Reports**

**Co-Presidents - Laura Dills/Robin Hescheles**

- FUMCN received a donation from the Upton family \$200
  - Frederick S. Upton foundation provided a matching gift for a total of \$400
  - Foundation grants go to educational organizations; we will use for scholarship fund
- Winter membership meeting – who is speaking, reminders sent out
  - No suggestions in suggestion box
  - Thank you's – the following people will be recognized at the meeting:
    - Nancy Meyers – mention and gift (Tonja to provide)
    - Upton family – mention and written thank-you
    - Jeff Hayner – for playground
    - Leticia – for Google groups
    - 5's parents – for being supportive and helpful
  - At the end of the meeting, Stacey will do dishwasher demo
  - Introduce our new families to the group
- Friday Meeting Recap (planning committee for next year)
  - Committee: Juli, Mary, Laura, Susan S, Susan A., Yvette
  - Possibilities for next year: (#1)
    - AM classes start 9am, drop off 9-9:15 (adds 15 minutes/day)
    - Increase 3's class size to 20
    - PM classes start 12:45 end 3:15
    - 12:30 assists arrive, 12:30-12:45 drop off
    - Adds ½ hour per day
    - MWF - combine 3's and 4's
    - Tu - Special day (same time), 6-8 week sessions, art class, cooking, etc.
    - Th - teacher prep day
  - Tuition – will it change? Will confer w/Barbara
    - May need to keep Tuesday activity fees separate
  - Laura will keep Tori and Sarah Boren-Rao updated with programming changes so they can be reflected on new brochure

**3-4's Teacher- Juli Miettinen**

- Preschool expo – Juli, Mary, Colleen, Laura: committee (3/7)
  - Will be on U-M campus
  - Bring banner, slide show, give away Play-Doh w/recipe
- Juli and Susan want to do teacher planning workshops
  - \$199 each
  - Approved pending enough budget
  - Jean Feldman (dr. Jean) (Lansing 2/23, Simple & Effective Centers in a Snap (Toledo 3/9)
- Summer 2008, Juli, Mary, Susan, Sherry attended CPR
  - Supposed to be paid for by HVCCN, disbanded, now no money
  - Bill \$460, our cost \$310 (A2 coop and one other Betty make up difference)

- Newer young 3 pm student is a handful, some language issues,

### **Young 5's Teacher - Susan Sowder**

- 5's have flyer (Juli will be able to use to talk to parents of 4's)
- Parents want to come to an open house, can have separate one in addition to 2/10 on T or Th.
- Have after the Preschool Expo (3/11)
  - Need to determine if there is school that day
    - Many parents want to see in action
    - Yvette will help to answer questions, Susan A. there until 11am
    - Will do in the morning so they can observe classroom
    - Call it a visitation day, promote at expo

### **Curriculum - Staci Almeida & Jenni Wilkening**

- 4's and 5's will visit Herb David guitar during the Open House
- Upcoming curriculum topics and events: 2010 Olympics, Chinese New Year, Planetarium field trip 1/25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, possibly Kelsey Archeology Museum (mummies)
- Need bubble wrap for Chinese new year
- Health Exploration trip will be 2/17 (4's) – no younger siblings

### **Church – Beth Pascoe**

- Someone who comes to Sunday school called inquiring rental of FUMCN rooms for parties
- International music night coming – rent sanctuary
- Beth coming, Rev. Bob Roth Wed. night
  - Discuss homeless policy?
  - Service projects – document produced “outreach projects”,
    - Alpha house – kid focused needs (donate diapers, programs), Rotating shelter – only men , Habitat for Humanity

### **Parent Education - Colleen Burroughs – Kindergarten Readiness**

- Little Critter Soccer Program 2-6, nerf-style ball, pretend it's a puppy
  - 4 week increments, \$10/week, parents pay, 10% comes back to school
  - ½ hour program once a week – maybe during “enrichment” period next year?
- Spanish program – Tori will follow up
- Preparing your Child for Kindergarten – 1/25 – Open to all
  - Color copies - will send to FUMCN
  - Sent flyer to Triangle, Glacier Way, A2 Coop, Stone School, Saline Coop
  - Sarah H will put link on website, send email to all 4s families
  - To be discussed: literacy, math, social/character building, safety/confidence, fine motor

### **Maintenance – Elizabeth Elder**

- Poor attendance: 7 or 8 people show up
- Last time didn't get to 5's room or nursery
- In the future, if you can't make it you must find your replacement – will announce at membership mtg.
  - What about if you have people left at the end of the year?
  - Maybe add to handbook, if you don't do it you need to pay \$xxx
  - No 5 families signed up except Susan A.

### **Member at Large - Tonja Fox**

- Thanks for participating in giving tree
- Tonja & Nancy will come up with job description for Sibling Coordinator position for handbook.
- 3/8/10 – no A2 elementary school – school-wide field trip (publish as ‘no school’)
- Sibling care families get priority on assist days, if you bring extra kids to sib care, \$9/extra kid
- 3pm – 2 full assists, no E (like 4pm)

### **VP - Amy Unsworth**

- Losing 4pm field trip person

- New 4am family job – photo processing

### **Membership - Sarah Boren-Rao & Tori Booker**

- Open house
  - Need volunteers during open house, 2 per room
  - Also need volunteers to do errands and set up (early)
  - Board members should be present if possible
  - Nancy will coordinate child care
  - Maintenance night one week before
  - Need tuition amount for updated brochure
  - Need triple batch of Play-Doh – Tonja will email Play-Doh person
  - Stacey – are we sending out reminders for alumni?
  - Since everything is moved up this year, need to send extra reminders.
- Membership update: 1 new 4am, lose 1 pm

### **Communication - Sarah Hafer**

- Thanks for on time newsletter submissions; Next deadline: 1/18
- Mothers and More – preschool panel 2/2/10
  - Flyer, website publicity

### **Publicity - Moira Yuhas**

- Take flyers, put them out where you go
- Buying a new banner – about \$100
  - Can she order it? If using at expo, need a new one
  - Susan C.'s brother does banners, maybe discount
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> purple banner missing, church took it down
    - In the future, make sure they take banners they remove to Ms. Juli
    - Ask around more

### **Fundraising - Susan Courtright & Robyn Bishop**

- Babysitting night – very profitable – volunteer recruitment difficult
  - Sign up for one fundraising commitment at the beginning of the year
  - Have another one for Valentines Day
  - Offer option to volunteer at 2 babysitting nights = one auction item
- Music and snacks fundraiser (Noah Haiduc-Dale) on Sunday afternoon?
  - Early Friday evening pizza and activity
  - Check Greenwood availability?
- Photographer – semi-professional – fundraiser
- Red cross certified teacher – volunteer to certify parents, pay for it but get for free
- Make a Plates - \$400, CPK \$200

### **New Business/Upcoming Dates**

- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. FUMCN Winter Membership Meeting (7-9 pm)
- FUMCN Open House – February 10, 2010
- Kindergarten Readiness Night - January 25, 2010 (7-9 pm)
- Pre-school Expo. March 7<sup>th</sup> 2010