

## FUMCN Board Meeting – November 9, 2009

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

### **Minutes Approval: Catherine Maruna**

- October minutes approved pending the addition of Moira to the “Members Present” section

### **Thanks/Kudos:**

- To Susan and Robyn for a fantastic job at the auction

### **Member Comments**

- Auction was impressive to Stone School members who attended
  - Gross profit – \$9814.70
  - Drink bar was great
- Jenni Wilkening was named HS swim coach of the year – Congratulations!

### **Teacher: Juli Miettinen (absent), presented by Robin Hescheles**

- Walkie-talkie set for teachers – 5 requested
  - Kelly will look into current walkie-talkies (2) re: compatibility
  - Motion to purchase approved
- Preschool expo: March 7, 1-4pm at Palmer Commons (life sciences)
  - Laura, Juli, Mary will get organized
  - Committee members will be Tori and Colleen
  - Tori will coordinate open house with this date (be mindful of March 3<sup>rd</sup> cleanup)
- Open house
  - Many felt the date should be earlier this year
  - Tentative date: Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> (Robin check with Juli, church)
  - Visitation day in March – following Preschool Expo
- Pros/cons – kids coming additional days
  - Cons – repeat material, morning kids know answers, “surprise factor” gone, Ms. Juli has to spend more time with new kids not already integrated, some parents of 4’s object
  - Pros – all day option for working parents, a few families have expressed interest, this would mainly benefit 3pm (low enrollment)
  - Bring back FUMKIDS, - Beth willing to pursue
- Book fair: need volunteer for 11/29, contact Juli if you are available
- CPR training: Juli is working with a church nurse to reschedule; Colleen will call Ann Arbor Recreation & Education to get information. Contact person is Tina Bupp.

**Young 5's: Susan Sowder**

- Susan Atkins (via email) – She did an informal survey of 5s parents regarding a possible tuition payment plan.
  - 2x per semester starting next semester, 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Reduction in tuition if you pay up front - \$50 would make it worth it
- Susan Sowder – field trips have nominal fees – what is 5's budget?
  - Staci will check current field trip budget, subtract out 3s, 4s to get number
- Book fair – Invitation will be sent home in tote bags. Kids then give invitation to someone “grand” (grandparent, etc.) and have them come to FUMCN to have lunch while book fair is going on.

**Curriculum: Staci Almeida & Jenni Wilkening**

- Discussing ideas to bring more people to FUMCN ...
  - Increase class time (longer pm class) for same price (2.5 or 3 hrs)
  - Start at 9:15am (drop off 9-9:15am)
    - Need to begin thinking about this now before open house
  - Should we have longer day? Many people decide to skip us and coops in general

**Treasurer: Barbara Hoffman**

- Update: YTD income: \$ 27K, YTD expenses: \$ 17.9K

**Church: Beth Pascoe**

- List of things going on around church (service opps, donations, events, etc.)
- How to disseminate info? FUMCN newsletter, email, etc.

**Parent Education: Colleen Burroughs**

- “Preparing for Kindergarten”: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the Wesley Lounge
  - Presenter – teacher for 12 years with AAPS, proponent of young 5's
  - Cost: \$50 in cash
  - Colleen will ask other coops if they would also like to attend

**Member at Large: Tonja Fox**

- What should FUMCN do for Christmas?
  - Options: Alpha House – adopt families (interested in gift cards), Big Brothers Big Sisters, Susan A. works with a family open to us adopting them
  - Best option – partner with church (Barb will get placement)
    - FUMC giving tree – encourage FUMCN families to participate
    - Chris Nelson added younger kid-focused projects
    - Get access to this on our level, put bin for toy lending library (Bryant)

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

- Sarah – 2 tours scheduled (Kelly Szymanski giving tours)
- Tori – has 1 potential interested family
- Packets are in Ms. Juli's file cabinet

**Communication: Sarah Hafer**

- Newsletter deadline 11/20 (Print on 11/30)
- Google groups – set up

- Leticia has set up class groups, Sarah will see that she updates it so outsiders can email group

**Publicity: Moira Yuhas**

- Verified that publicity budget is \$500
- Before open house – advertise in Ann Arbor family news
- Advertise in Ann Arbor Observer preschool issue
- Paint back door in the design of paper banner currently posted ... current sign says “First United Methodist *Church* Nursery” and needs to be corrected

**Fundraising: Susan Courtright & Robyn Bishop**

- CPK – December some time (12/8)? Still have to get corporate approval
- Babysitting Night: 12/4
- T-shirt order will be placed, ready for Christmas
- Ornaments will probably do again (made about \$200)
- Possible Christmas solicitation letter/card to families
- Learning express

**Next Meeting: Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Tonja Fox’s house**

- Gift exchange next meeting (\$10 item)