PA Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2013
8:30-10:00am

17 attendees, with class representation from 12/12 classes (YAY!!)

1) Introductions and Review of PA structure: all new- and old- class reps were welcomed to PA. Class reps were reminded that Bylaws are posted on our website and class reps are liaisons between PA and their designated class with communication running both directions. In addition, the change in structure decided on in May was reviewed- decreasing leader workload by having chairs of Holiday and May Faires.
   a) In search of PA treasurer: Leah has been treasurer for the past 2 years and is requesting a volunteer to take over (or at least train) this year as this is her last year at the school. Commitment is approx. 2 hours per month, with need for end of fiscal year financial statement for audit each September.
   b) Faires Chairs: Kelly Meucci and Lisa Suttschenko agreed to Co-chair Holiday Faire!!
   c) Class-based leadership model: reviewed the spreadsheet with discussion of continuing with a 4-year rotation for grades classes vs being assigned a new task each year. Reps were reminded that the 4-year rotation model was decided on to decrease classes needing to "reinvent the wheel" as they took on tasks, acknowledging that some tasks were more difficult than others (e.g. food, Angel Room). It was decided to continue with the current model. We reviewed ways to get all class parents involved as the biggest burden is when the class rep feels they and a small core are carrying all the weight.
2) Board Report- passed budget.
3) Finance Report: Leah reviewed last FY financial statement, stating we ended the year with $9347 in the bank. Expenses were $7000 toward Faculty Development, $3200 toward Community Life, and $1400 toward Grants.
   a) Gift to Meshewa; At our May meeting, we agreed to provide a gift to the Meshewa campus. Teri, Carmy and Kyle are requesting cement planters, bird baths and a variety of plants costing approximately $605 and submitted a letter and pictures with this request. Joni Sherman may be able to get planters at a better price and will speak directly with Teri re this. VOTE approved unanimously to provide up to $605 (after Joni has an opportunity to check pricing).
4) Grants
   a) Calendar grant approved last FY was not used
   b) Enrollment grant (totes for new families) approved last FY was fulfilled this FY ($369.30)
   c) Teri Heist has submitted a Meshewa grant for $500 for flooring in the community space. The request needs to be approved by admin and faculty prior to a PA vote.
5) Fundraising
   a) Scrip Update: Leah reviewed what the Scrip program is and sharing of profits between PA and families via tuition reimbursement. Keisha McGill is coordinator but will need help as her schedule has changed. There is a possibility of online ordering of cards which has not yet been promoted. We are looking for someone to take on promotions for this, and possibly for all ongoing fundraisers.
   b) Kroger Update: We made $3200 through Kroger's Community Rewards Program and need to continue to educate people on enrolling/re-enrolling their Kroger Plus Card for this. Directions are in each Inreach. It is also helpful to have someone around in the Community Room to help with this
   c) Bulb Sale: The Fall Sale is in full swing with orders due by next Monday. 5 orders have already been received. Leah will place the order on Tuesday and orders are expected to arrive Mon or

Tues (the 23-24th). We need volunteers to sort orders after delivery (Leah will not be available either day). Tammy will send an email to class reps when the order arrives.

d) Magazine Sale: This sale made $435 last year, beginning as an online offer, but with added catalog as Suzanne Breidenbach agreed to take this on. Leah has contacted her re interest in organizing this year, but has not heard back. In the past, this was the main fall fundraiser, making up to $1500, but efforts around this were moved to the bulb sale. Recommendation was made to have online only sale, advertised through Inreach and on website under "Support Us".

e) Other fundraising (BoxTops, Target, GoodSearch, etc): Leah reported that, though unadvertised, we made $174 through Target's Education Program and $41 through use of GoodSearch search engine. Amber Kasper has agreed to take on coordination of Boxtops and Labels for Education after Leah registers for these programs. We should also consider having links to all fundraisers on our website.

6) Events Review
   a) BTS Reception: went well in the outdoor space.
7) Upcoming Events
   a) Craft Guild: Angie Carmack is leading Craft Guild this year with plans to meet every Tuesday at 9:15 in the Community Room (and including some meetings at Meshewa). This does not require experience, is open to all parents and friends, and is a great way to learn felting and get to meet other Waldorf parents. It is also a fundraiser for the PA (selling items at Holiday Faire and in Magic Meadow, for example), raising $154 last year and $670 the year before.
   b) Eugene Schwartz visit (week of 9/16): Mr Schwartz will be visiting for Faculty Development. In addition, he will present to parents on How Waldorf Education Prepares Students for the Future on Thursday, 9/19, 2-3:15 in the Community Room. All parents are invited to attend.
   c) Michaelmas (9/25): Christine is looking for an apple press for this event.
   d) Douglas Gerwin lecture- 9/27 foundations class starting for anyone wanting to get basis into Waldorf philosophy. Start with lecture opened to public, asking for donations, money will go toward group. PA to host reception.
   e) Fall Rummage Sale: Angelia Brandt has agreed to organize again this year. We discussed possible spaces for use (Faculty meeting room across from stage door vs Community Room, maybe outdoors?) Christine reminded us that the meeting room would be a short term solution, only available this fall. We discussed opening up to the community- could only be done after dismissal or on weekend. Mariemont community church has a monthly rummage sale; we could have ours simultaneously.
   f) Holiday Faire (12/6-7): Needs to be re-thought/maybe downsized with new space. Kelly and Lisa will meet re this.