

Seattle Waldorf School Parent Association Meeting

May 11, 2010

7:15 pm to 9:00 pm

Grade School Campus – Music Room

Facilitator: Cindy Scheyer

Attendees: Neave Karger-Megenhardt, Ingrid Orlow, Carolyn Cox, Shannon Hobbs, Eric Raman, Geraldine Kline, Gabi McCarthy, Shelly McSweyn, Maribel Cuizon

Minutes

Agenda item: Parent Association Mission Statement **Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

To support, educate and connect the parent body to the rest of the school in order to create a healthy community.

Agenda item: SWS Mission Statement **Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

We educate our students to be free human beings who impart purpose and meaning to their lives, who meet life with courage, and respond with initiative and creativity to the needs of the world and their fellow human beings.

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report **Presenter:** Shelly McSweyn

Discussion:

- The May Faire netted ~ \$4,100 profit.
- The Parent Association account is now ~\$8,400.
- There are still no architectural plans for the kiosk.
 - Shelly will contact Lawrence Houston about drawing up plans for the kiosk.
 - Tim Love has agreed to build the kiosk.

Agenda item: Santoro Books Fundraiser **Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

Discussion:

- Santoro's Books (<http://www.santorosbooks.com/>) in Greenwood offers book fairs in the bookstore for schools.
 - Just choose the date and they will make sure that a portion of all purchases will be donated to the school.
 - They handle all the accounting associated with the book fair.
 - They will work with you on title selection. You are welcome to make specific requests.
 - They donate 25% of sales in trade for books or 15% of sales in cash.
- Tentatively considering **November 5 or 6** as dates for fundraiser event.
- Carolyn Cox will follow-up with Santoro's Books.

Agenda item: Compensation for Volunteer Coordinator **Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

Discussion:

- At the PA meeting in March, Shannon brought up the idea of providing a small compensation to a volunteer coordinator as an incentive for coordinating all volunteer activities and festivals at the school.
 - Shannon will investigate what other schools do in terms of compensation.
 - Neave and Shannon will write a job description and send to the PA for review.
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Agenda item: Compensation for Volunteer Coordinator (cont.)

Presenter: Cindy Scheyer

Discussion:

- PA will think of idea candidates who might be willing to take on this task.
 - Ideally, the PA would like a volunteer coordinator identified and assigned before the first festival of the school year, which is Michaelmas.
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Agenda item: May Faire Recap

Presenter: Neave Megenhardt

Discussion:

- The May Faire was a huge success.
 - Kudos to Neave for being the overall coordinator and Shannon for being the volunteer coordinator.
 - Neave might coordinate again next year; will check back with her next month.
 - Field games were very popular; should be longer next year.
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 - Recruit 7th and 8th graders to help with field games.
 - Steiner Diner netted ~\$300 profit.
 - Buried Treasure activity was popular; parents really played the part.
 - Proposal to make the Cakewalk activity into a Cupcake walk activity for next year.
 - Add one more puppet show to make it 3 puppet shows.
 - Recruit 7th and 8th graders to help with field games. Activity runners, pick up tickets and so on.
 - Proposal to have more activities that will appeal to middle school students:
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Obstacle course
 - Volleyball game with high school students
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Agenda item: Game plan for Michaelmas

Presenter: Cindy Scheyer

Discussion:

- Activities to include:
 - Soup, salad, bread, dessert
 - Possibly a potluck
 - Family dance
 - Dragon play will consist of volunteers from the community and be parent-led; Ingrid Orlow will research a script.
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Agenda item: Winter Faire 2010

Presenter: Cindy Scheyer

Discussion:

- Shelly has volunteered to oversee vendors for the Winter Faire next year.
 - Will need coordinators for crafts, and cafe.
 - Proposal to split café into savory and sweet items, and situate in different locations at the school.
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Agenda item: Calling for Green Festival Volunteers

Presenter: Gabi McCarthy

Discussion:

- The Kids Zone at the Green Festival (<http://www.greenfestivals.org/seattle>; **June 5** and **6** at the WA State Convention & Trade Center) will be converted into a celebration of Waldorf Education.
- The festival is looking for parents, staff, faculty and students to volunteer for 2 hour shifts to assist with music and song, storytelling and puppet shows and other interactive activities that will showcase Waldorf education.
- Volunteers gain **free** access to the Green Festival for both days.
- Contact Gabi McCarthy in the school office if you are interested.

Wrap up

Next Parent Association Meeting:

Tuesday, June 8, 7 pm to 9 pm in the Grade School Campus – Music Room