

# Seattle Waldorf School Parent Association Meeting

November 10, 2009

7:15 pm to 9:00 pm

Grade School Campus – Music Room

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**Facilitator:** Cindy Scheyer

**Attendees:** Shelly McSweyn, Shannon Hobbs, Richard Watkins, Natalie Steiner, Lisa Ayrault, Niz Mirar, Neave Karger-Megenhardt, Gretchen Matis, Maribel Cuizon, Cindy Scobee, Maria Galvao, Carolyn Cox, Geraldine Kline, Tim Love, Jesse Michener

## *Minutes*

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**Agenda item:** Welcome & Introductions **Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

**Discussion:**

The purpose of tonight's meeting was to provide parents new to the school community and their Buddy Families the opportunity of connect and socialize.

Team leaders gave an overview of their team responsibilities and duties.

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**Agenda item:** Overview of Parent Association **Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

**Discussion:**

- The Parent Association's role is to be of service to the school administration and to the entire parent and family community. Every parent at Seattle Waldorf School is part of the Parent Body and welcome to come to all Parent Association meetings.
  - Parent Association leaders are:
    - Co-Presidents
      - Neave Karger-Megenhardt
      - Cindy Scheyer
    - Treasurer
      - Shelly McSweyn
    - Secretary
      - Maribel Cuizon
  - Meetings are held at the Grade School Campus the second Tuesday of each month, August through June.
  - The mission of the Parent Association is to support, educate and connect the parent body to the rest of the school in order to create a healthy community.
  - Activities and initiatives are presented and come from the Parent Association.
  - Funds generated from the Parent Association are put back into the Parent Association to fund school festivals, or school improvement ideas such as the development/creation of a kiosk to be located near the entrance of the school that will display information about school events.
  - If anyone has ideas for the school, please bring those ideas to the Parent Association.
  - Parent Association publications can be found at the following location:  
<http://www.seattlewaldorf.org/community/parent-assoc/parent-assoc-publications.html>
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**Agenda item:** New Parent Outreach/Buddy Family Program

**Presenter:** Cindy Scobee

**Discussion:**

- Team leaders are:
  - Cindy Scobee, Co-Leader
  - Nancy Mulcare, Co-Leader
  - Meg Petty, Admin Support
- The program is now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- Buddy Families help integrate new families into our SWS community.

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**Agenda item:** Craft Group

**Presenter:** Shelly McSweyn

**Discussion:**

- Shelly hosts various craft projects and classes at her house.
- Anyone wishing to learn how to knit, felt and so on is invited to attend the classes.
- The craft group made felted items for the Pocket People at the Winter Faire.

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**Agenda item:** After School Sports Team

**Presenter:** Nancy Gilbert

**Discussion:**

- Nancy Gilbert is the team leader.
- Ultimate Frisbee available for 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school.

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**Agenda item:** Farmers Market Team

**Presenter:** Natalie Steiner

**Discussion:**

- Inaugural season began May 31, 2009 on Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm at the Grade School campus.
- Season ended October 25, 2009.
- Mission statement

The Meadowbrook Farmers Market is a non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating a sustainable and healthy community by offering high-quality local organic and bio-dynamic foods, artisan goods, and educational opportunities.

The market will serve as an integrative model for youth and school involvement while providing support for the local economy and community development.

- Connects school curriculum with hands-on experience. For example, high school students spent 1 week at Jubilee Farms and sold produce at the farmers market.
  - Cob oven was built during the market season (over a 10 week period); the oven is now used by the kindergarten every Tuesday to bake corn bread and pancakes.
  - Community Kitchen has used to cob oven to bake pizza.
  - Website is located here: <http://www.meadowbrookfm.org/>
  - Looking for volunteers from the parent community to help with the 2010 season.
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**Agenda item:** Scrip Team

**Presenter:** Jesse Michener

**Discussion:**

- Niz Marar is team leader.
  - Scrip program generated \$13,000 last year.
  - 4 programs are available for participation in Scrip:
    - PCC Scrip
    - escrip.com
    - Safeway Club Card
    - Amazon
  - Link for more information is located here: <http://www.seattlewaldorf.org/community/support-sws/scrip-programs.html>
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**Agenda item:** Blog – The Open Window

**Presenter:** Jesse Michener

**Discussion:**

- The SWS Blog can be found here: <http://seattlewaldorf.wordpress.com/>
  - Looking for more submission of articles for the blog from the parent community.
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**Agenda item:** Parent Social Team

**Presenter:** Jesse Michener

**Discussion:**

- Cheryl Smith is team leader.
  - Currently working on the Parent Talent Night; this event is scheduled for Saturday, February 6 from 7 pm to 10 pm in Huckleberry Hall.
  - Theme is “The Greatest Show on Earth”.
  - Jesse is looking for volunteers to help organize the event.
  - Loose application process; well-produced cabaret show; performances should be somewhat rehearsed.
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**Agenda item:** Merchandise Team

**Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

**Discussion:**

- Teresa Graham and Pamela Haines are the team leaders.
  - Online store available through website to purchase sweatshirts, t-shirts, caps, tote bags and so on.
  - Custom orders are available online.
  - SWS receives 20% of your total purchase.
  - Link to online store: <http://fhstore.com/Shopping/FHShop1.aspx?PON=74211&CON=75261&AC=>
  - SWS merchandise is also available for purchase at festivals and other school events.
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**Agenda item:** Community Service Team

**Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

**Discussion:**

- Team leader position is currently open.
  - Involved with service community projects.
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**Agenda item:** Community Commitment Team

**Presenter:** Natalie Steiner

**Discussion:**

- Team leader position is currently open.
- Manages database of parent community skills such as computer, baking, writing, carpentry and so on.

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**Agenda item:** Class Parent Reps

**Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

**Discussion:**

- Provides assistance to class teacher with class trips, parent meetings and so on.
- Organizes snacks for faculty meetings.

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**Agenda item:** Festivals Team

**Presenter:** Neave Karger-  
Megehardt  
Shelly McSweyn

**Discussion:**

Organizes the following school festivals:

- Michaelmas: Shannon Hobbs
- Winter Faire: Shelly McSweyn
- May Faire: Neave Karger-Megenhardt

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## ***Wrap up***

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**Next Parent Association Meeting:** Tuesday, December 8, 7 pm to 9 pm