

# Seattle Waldorf School Parent Association Meeting

December 8, 2009

7:15 pm to 9:00 pm

Grade School Campus – Music Room

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**Facilitator:** Cindy Scheyer

**Attendees:** Shelly McSweyn, Neave Karger-Megenhardt, Gretchen Matis, Carolyn Cox, Margaret Leonard, Kristen Hammerback, Tim Love, Maribel Cuizon

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## *Minutes*

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**Agenda item:** Winter Faire Wrap Up

**Presenter:** Shelley McSweyn

**Discussion:**

Comments, observations and suggestions for next year:

- Assign each grade a specific activity similar to class/activity assignments for the May Faire.
- Some activities needed more volunteers.
- Another face painter will help shorten the wait.
- Sign up link is difficult to find on the SWS website; suggestion is to make it easier to find.
- A volunteer coordinator is needed. This person will be responsible for gathering and following up with activity volunteers in order to ensure that all activities are fully staffed.
- Consider having a nursing room or “quiet room”.
- 500 cookies were made by the high school students for the Cookie Forest.
- Café has outgrown its current location; maybe move Café to Huckleberry Hall, or rent a heated tent to be placed outside of the main school building.
- Leave the hallways free of vendor tables.
- Have a puppet show @ Briar Rose for preschoolers.
- Wreaths added to the winter theme.

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**Agenda item:** Parent Talent Night

**Presenter:** Jesse Michener

**Discussion:**

- Scheduled for Saturday, February 6 from 7 pm to 10 pm in Huckleberry Hall.
- Catered dinner less than \$30 per couple. (Beer and wine not included in ticket price.)
- Sign up sheet will be available in January.
- Performances should be somewhat rehearsed.
- Visual art pieces will also be displayed.

**Conclusions:**

- Jesse will also investigate mobile pizza oven and gelato as other options.
- Jesse is waiting for bids from several caterers.

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**Agenda item:** High School Parent Association

**Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

**Discussion:**

- The high school would like to develop their own identity by establishing their own Parent Association.
- The high school Parent Association meeting was held Thursday, December 10 @ the SWS High School.

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**Agenda item:** New format for Parent Association Meeting

**Presenter:** Cindy Scobee

**Discussion:**

Tabled for January meeting.

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**Agenda item:** Board of Trustees Update

**Presenter:** Cindy Scheyer

**Discussion:**

The Board of Trustees community engagement strategy meetings were held on Sunday, November 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm and Monday, November 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Huckleberry Hall. The turn out from the parent community was disappointingly low.

**Conclusions:**

The Trustees will continue to evaluate and work on issues identified from the school survey.

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**Agenda item:** Farmers Market Update

**Presenter:** Tim Love

**Discussion:**

- Report will be sent to the school community that summarizes the success of the Meadowbrook Farmers Market inaugural season.
- New vendors can submit their applications for the summer season starting in February/March.

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## ***Wrap up***

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**Next Parent Association Meeting:** Tuesday, January 12, 7 pm to 9 pm