

Family Center PTO Meeting - Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Attendees: Nicole Loiterstein, Lori Holtzman, Shannon Davis, Andrea Williams, Julie Stiles, Julie Gullickson, Michelle Snyder, Jennifer Berends, Hillary Bean, Lisa Moore, Kary Spiegel, Debbie Reilly, Lily Scharff and Kami Waldman

Opening + Welcome (Nicole Loiterstein)

Fall Book Festival at Barnes + Noble (Shannon Davis): The book festival is scheduled for Friday, October 27. Email reminder sent out this morning to entire school. Additional email sent out to room parents asking them to announce the book fair every morning at circle time. Cheese cake orders will be due Friday, October 20. Pajama Day scheduled for October 26 and 27th.

Treasurer's Report (Jen Berends): PTO dues are up by \$100 so far this year. Approximately 90 families have contributed, which is approximately 80% of the families.

Teacher Appreciation (Julie Stiles): Yellow and Purple room contributed to the teachers trail mix bar on the last early release day. The committee provided dinner for the teachers and staff on Monday of conference week. Next event is scheduled for the next early release day in December. Reminder needs to be sent out asking for coffee pods donations for the teachers.

Art to Remember (Lori Holtzman on behalf of Jessica Graetz): Order deadline delayed because the order forms will not be shipped till the 20th. New deadline for all orders is October 30th. Artwork to be shipped back on Nov. 27th.

Wine and Dream (Nicole Loiterstein on behalf of Jessica Graetz): March 8th date has been secure for this parents only event. Event scheduled between 7-9pm at Parker's Table.

Nature Trail Flash (Nicole Loiterstein): This event is scheduled for Friday, November 9 from 5:30-6:30. Tara will be joining the agenda for camp fire songs. Cost will be \$30 per family. Still need to secure 2 fire pits for the event.

Class Photos (Nicole Loiterstein): Debbie Reilly is working on scheduling with teachers for photos to be taken. A decision was made to take the class pictures in the fall. Cost will be \$10/per picture.

Community Outreach (Lily Scharff): The Diaper drive has been scheduled for Dec. 4-8th. The drive will accept both opened and unopened diaper containers/boxes. People will also be asked to donate money. The drive will benefit the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank.

Moms' Night Out (Nicole Loiterstein): Laura Deutsch has offered to host the event at her house. The date has yet to be determined but will occur in the spring.

Director's Report (Debbie Reilly): Debbie shared that the teachers/staff have been undergoing professional development study regarding temperament led by Jani. The study focuses on equity learning, diversity, especially within international families. Looking to see our biases and how it relates to early childhood development. Teachers have also began a book study, reading "Parent Speak" and are continuing to discuss practices from "12 Best Practices for Early Childhood Education".

Fundraising Announcement (Andrea Williams): Andrea is the Clayton Highschool golf coach and wanted to invite families across the district to join in their annual fundraising on May 4th.

Closing (Nicole Loiterstein): The next PTO meeting is Wednesday, November 15 at 9 am in the multi-purpose room.