

## **Board of Directors October 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Maureen Treichel Jessica Kennedy, Katy Kaufman, Jamie Wohlgamuth, Betsy LaMore, Stacey Neuman, Donna Campanelli, Jesse Pagel, Erin Kernkamp, Kristi Torno-Buske, Sue Carr, Jodi Schmitt, Stephanie Ehlers, Sherri Stouffer

**Call to Order:** Maureen called the meeting at 7:02pm

**Approval of September Minutes:** Minutes were approved.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Sue):** Nothing new to report.

**PRESIDENT (Maureen):** Discussion of Toddler Time. Should we cancel the Thursday PM class for the second semester? Younger students (under 2) are having a hard time focusing because they are hungry and tired. They can't sit well through circle time. Maybe 9am is a better start time for ALL sections of Toddler Time. It is also challenging for Stephanie to transition between the morning and afternoon sessions when there are parents and kids staying late for one session or coming early to the next session and she has to break down the art project and set up for the next group of kids. Jamie made a motion to cancel Thursday's afternoon class and, instead, fill 5 days a week from 9-11am with Jessica seconding the motion and approved by the Board.

Discussion regarding whether or not Toddler Time for 2017-18 should include a section geared toward younger students? Some classes are imbalanced with older (close to 3 year old) kids and younger (under 2 year old) kids, and developmentally they aren't peers with one another, nor do they have the same curricular needs (length of circle time, etc...) Some Board Members thought kids benefited MORE from being in mixed-age settings, and they were nervous about making some families feel like they can't register for the day that works best for them if certain days were geared toward certain age groups.

Current Toddler Time teachers will discuss the impact of younger kids/older kids being more separated and what is developmentally appropriate for each age group. Stephanie and Patrice will present their thoughts and ideas to the Board in November.

Discussion regarding the idea of having a Google Form online for applications such as Lunch Bunch and Toddler Time and a PayPal account to collect various payments. This idea was presented by a parent who has experience with Google Docs. The Board decided this method isn't secure enough, especially considering confidential information about children in the applications. The Board will not pursue this idea.

**VICE PRESIDENT (Jessica):** Jessica sent a parent survey out to see which of the 7 topics the Board generated are most popular for the January Parent meetings. Parents have been asked to respond to the survey by Oct 24. The survey also has a spot for parents to suggest a topic or volunteer to present.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Katy):** The banking system was down over the weekend; therefore, Katy will email a report out to the Board.

**FUNDRAISING (Jamie & Betsy):** The butterbraid sale is over and went well. The resale is still going on.

**EVENT COORDINATOR (Stacey):** The Meet, Eat & Greet went well; however, we were short on clean up volunteers. Some people complained they didn't like the pizza as well as Glass Nickel and it wasn't necessarily cheaper; however, Doughboys was super great to work with and there was much better communication than we've had in the past with Glass Nickel. The Board tossed around the idea of doing subs or ice cream or something different in the future. Some Board Members thought it might also be nice if a family could purchase an entire pizza rather than by the slice.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR (Erin):** Nothing new to report.

**EQUIPMENT & INVENTORY (Jesse):** Jesse is working on getting gymnastic pads for the wall by the tunnel on the playground to reduce the risk of injury. He has also been setting traps for a mouse in the church that hasn't been caught yet.

**PURCHASING (Donna):** Nothing new to report.

**ADVERTISING (Kristi):** Nothing new to report.

**New Business:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00pm

**Next Meeting:** November 14th