

Board of Directors

November 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Maureen Treichel, Katy Kaufman, Betsy LaMore, Erin Kernkamp, Juli Huston, Jamie Wohlgamuth, Stephanie Ehlers, Mark Penn, Teresa Bentler, Donna Campanelli, Sue Carr, Stacey Neuman, Dawn Van Horn, Maggie Jakubczak

Call to Order: Meeting called at 7:00pm

Approval of October: Approved with no changes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Sue):

- Enrollment numbers: We gained a Starfish and a Manatee and will gain a Seahorse in January. TT spring now has 4 openings - one Mon A, one Mon B and 2 on Thurs
- Church situation - church is planning a business partnership with another church. If it all works out as they are currently planning, they would be sharing the building and the space but be separate in every way, just be in the same building. There is a public listening session tomorrow at the Great Dane - Juli and Sue will be attending to find out more about their future plans. If the churches do come together, safety and security would become more of an issue with 2 churches in the building. Concern about whether or not the other church would want to take space away from us.
- Accreditation: process is halfway through - Penguins and Starfish have had evaluations and packets - the other classes will be done over the next 3 weeks. The last packet going out will be the Administration packet. Accreditor scored a \$1600 grant for MGNS which was used for movement toys in Fellowship Hall and additions to the block sets.
- Younstar Grant - 2nd of 3 trainings done today on emotional regulation - how to handle emotions in kids.

PRESIDENT (Jess): 2 Year Old Drop Off Program - Sue sent out a survey and the parents from TT were very much in favor of having a 2 year old drop off. Teachers have a different opinion. There would need to be 2 teachers for the 8 kids in the class, having a parent in the room would not be sufficient. There are very specific regulations regarding diaper changing and 2 year olds. It would also be expensive to staff 2 teachers with only 8 kids in the room. We would also need a building inspection prior to starting a 2 year old drop off - there is a rule that the room would need either a sprinkler system or a door to the outside. We left the conversation as a likely no based on the cost and logistics.

Early Drop Off Program (Sunrise Club) - We discussed that it would be one hour before school (dropping off anytime after 7:45am). Limit of 16 kids. According to calculations from Katy, the program barely breaks even at 8 kids if using Fellowship Hall, but any more than that would be profitable. This program would likely be very appealing to working parents. We would offer the program Monday thru Friday and would need to

hire someone to be the Sunshine Club Coordinator - there is not enough staff interest/availability to staff it with 2 teachers 5 days/week. The Coordinator would likely work 2 hours (30 mins before and 30 after) so we are looking at about 10 hours per week. Should we consider someone who is currently a sub and give them priority for all sub jobs since they'd be at MGNS every morning? A big concern with this program is the transitioning of the kids. For some transitions are very challenging and some classes have a lot of crying - teachers worry that this could be an issue transitioning from Sunrise Club to school to potentially LB. And it is a long time for some kiddos to be at school. Overall the board felt it was a good idea to try out and that it would appeal to a lot of working families. It would work like LB and be the same cost - people could sign up ahead of time or do drop ins. Decision made to have Sue send a survey to the parents to see if they would be interested, how often they would want to participate and how much they would pay.

Lottery vs Old Way of Registering - We started discussing this topic with most people in favor of doing a lottery vs the old way of having people stand in line to register on a particular day, but the conversation ended up going in a different direction. Jamie made a motion to try a lottery and it was seconded by Maggie, but we did not vote to approve it. As the discussion went on, it was very unclear what the benefits would be to doing a lottery and how exactly it would work. Sue said that only one person has complained about it to her. We ended up voting to keep the registration in February 2018 the same as it has been but to table the lottery until next year - there were 7 votes for yes (stay the same) and the rest abstained with zero votes for no. Katy made this motion and it was seconded by Betsy.

Twin Discount - we voted to approve a 20% discount for the second child in the case of twins. Donna made the motion to approve it, Katy seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

VICE PRESIDENT (Jamie):

- Parent meeting survey was sent out and there are currently 21 responses. Teachers will send link again to classes this week and give until 11/21 for parents to respond.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Katy): Discussed having options for parents to pay tuition via mobile banking vs having to pay by check. Will leave on the agenda and discuss again. She is working on the 990. \$500 donation made to the school - will be used for professional development which is in line with what the donor wanted.

FUNDRAISING COORDINATORS (Betsy/Mark): Fired up Pottery event is this weekend - be sure to remind people to say they are with MGNS at checkout. Betsy and Mark will be there and provide snacks.

EVENT COORDINATOR (Teresa): David Landau cannot do April 21st for the Spring Fling - we switched the date to April 28th and Sue contacted him right away to book him.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR (Erin): 2 people have signed up to be on the Anniversary Committee - she will give the names/contact info to Donna and Donna will send out a message to Maureen, Sue and the other members to get moving on the planning.

EQUIPMENT & INVENTORY (Zach): not present

PURCHASING (Donna): nothing to report

ADVERTISING (Maggie): nothing to report

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39pm

Next Meeting: Dec 11, 2017

