

**Monona Grove Nursery School
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2022
7:00pm**

In attendance: Kathryn Mingione (President), Juli Huston (Teacher), Erin Drewes (Teacher), Sue Carr (School Director), Beth Kernan (Vice President), Denay Czerniecki (Fundraising Coordinator), Elise Gokey (Member at Large), Nicole Smialek (Events Coordinator), Brooke Logan (Treasurer), Robin Smekal (Volunteer Coordinator), Sarah Hackett (Alumni Coordinator), Maria Keegan (Advertising Coordinator), Sara Brelie (Secretary), Chyna Benzine (Equipment and Inventory Coordinator)

1. Call to Order

President Kathryn Mingione called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Routine Business

- a. Approval of Minutes from August - Beth Kernan moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hackett, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- b. Report from the School Director
School Director Sue Carr answered questions about her report. There is a new yoga teacher coming to teach the Sea Otter class. After that, a decision will be made about further classes.
- c. Financial Reports
Treasurer Brooke Logan highlighted that this is her first time putting together the financial report for a meeting and asked if anyone had questions. There were no questions. A discussion was had about payroll numbers that have to be entered by the Treasurer. There were no concerns about the numbers overall.

3. Roundtable Check-In

- a. Volunteer Coordinator Robin Smekal stated that all but two families have signed up for volunteer duties. Sue will reach out to those families. Robin also stated that even with everyone signing up, we are short volunteers for Culvers Night and the Meet, Greet and Eat. It was decided that a plea for more volunteers can be added to the newsletter. In addition, some board members volunteered to help out for Culvers Night. Teachers said they could work at the Meet, Greet and Eat when they are not in the classroom.
- b. Vice President Beth Kernan asked for ideas for the parent meetings this year. Several options were discussed, including a Q&A with teachers regarding discipline strategies, a panel discussion about the transition to kindergarten, and a family therapist presentation on dysregulation with some regulation strategies.
- c. Fundraising Coordinator Denay Czerniecki answered questions about several

upcoming and possible fundraisers. A discussion was had about the Jellyfish Jaunt and the possibility of having a kickoff event since October 1 is a Saturday this year.

4. Items for Discussion

- a. Zoom story times this winter (November – February)?
Chyna volunteered to do another zoom story time this year with her husband. She expressed a preference for December. Maria, Brooke, Kathryn, Beth and Robin also expressed a willingness to volunteer.
- b. Meet, Greet, & Eat (Friday, October 7th 5:00-7:00pm)
Events Coordinator Nicole Smialek stated that fliers went out last week to order pizza for the Meet, Greet and Eat. Final selection was Glass Nickel Pizza, with four options families can choose from. Families can order a whole pizza or order by the slice and there are suggested times for each class to come and see their classroom.
- c. Election Updates re: Fellowship Hall as Polling Place
A discussion was had about the church changing plans for the November election so that voting will not take place in Fellowship Hall. It was decided that this will not change the school's plan to close since it is difficult to know what things will look like at the school with so many people potentially coming in and out. No motion was made to open the school on Election Day.

5. Adjournment

Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Elise. President Kathryn Mingione adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022
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