

Comox Valley Montessori Society Monthly Meeting, October 21, 2009

Present	Mina Morehouse	Lisa Wilcox	Pauline Rae
	Heather Robertson	Jeanine Fukui	LeighAnn Vaughn
	Kellie Sagadore	Michelle Nagg	Andrea Kreeger
	Kristi Walker	Caroline Guay	Jenn Johnson
	Gillian Strilets	Ashlynn Somers	David Coats
	Mike McComb	Michelle Hawkins	

1. Call to Order – 7:39

2. Introductions

3. Adoption of the Agenda

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Minutes

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the minutes from the September 23, 2009 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1 Administrator's Report

- There is a ProD day this upcoming Friday.
- On Friday the 30th there will be a school wide assembly at 9:15
- On Tuesday the 10th there will be a Remembrance Day assembly
- On November 20th will have some National Child Day activities
- On November 25th and 26th there will be parent/teacher conferences
- On Nov. 30th there will be the year end assembly.
- Mrs. C is running a monthly Montessori orientation night for parents
- The assistant superintendent of West Van is organizing a meeting of public school districts regarding recruitment of Montessori teachers. Mike McComb and Allan Douglas will be attending via teleconference

5.4 President's Report

- The deadline for feedback regarding reconfiguration was last Friday. Pauline wrote a letter that was reviewed by the CVMS board and sent to the School Board. The letter highlighted Montessori enrolment projections, that any decisions will affect the Montessori program and that the Montessori program will have an effect on school enrolments.

5.5 Treasurer's Report

- Our current bank balance is \$4621.14
- Expenditures in the past month were \$6884.90. About \$5500 was spent for classroom expenditures and \$1000 for insurance.
- Donations in the past month were \$4450.00

5.6 Secretary's Report

- We received a card from Zedar and Kyunje Thokme.

5.7 Inventory Report

- This year we have spent over \$7000 on inventory. There are about another \$8000 in requests. They will not be purchased until we have the money.
- Lisa brought in some examples of the new inventory. Invoices were available for review.
- Work parties will be set to help prepare the materials for putting into the classrooms.
- Tuesdays after school often turn into work sessions.

6. Old Business

6.1 Fundraising

- We have raised approximately \$5630 this year and we have a budget of \$22000. We clearly have a lot of money to raise.
- Perhaps we can add a fundraising thermometer to add to the emails we send.

6.2 Art Auction

- The art auction is being planned. We really need donations. The auction will be at the Driftwood mall on November 13/14/15th.
- We could use a couple of people who enjoy sales/marketing to approach businesses.
- We could use a couple of people to put up posters and update and put up road signs.
- We could use a couple of people to write up bio cards for the artists.
- We need someone to re-write the press release.
- Anyone who can fill these rolls, please contact Andrea Kreeger
- Caroline will get volunteers to man the booth.
- We can send out another email. We will send out a paper copy with the kids.
- We may do a raffle. Due to rule changes, we now can get a license to hold a raffle.

6.3 Signing Authorities

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the June minutes be amended to reflect the wording that is required by the Coastal Community Credit Union to open a bank account.

CARRIED

6.4 Class Reps

- Mina is rep for 2/3/4
- Jenn is rep for K/1/2 and K/1. We would like a rep for the K/1/2 class (Mrs. Hawkins' class).

6.5 Recognition for Mrs. Buchanan

- Karen McKinnon offered to take on this project last meeting. She has had to step down. We need someone to take on this project.

7. New Business

7.1 Material breakages

- If something is broken with intent, we need a policy of what to do. It could include creating a form letter from the CVMS that the teachers can fill out and send home. We will vet the policy through the teachers. Distribute the policy and get a copy to current families.

7.2 Fashion Show Fundraiser

- Kristi Walker is running a fashion show, The Eco Fusion Gala. She will be donating the net proceeds to the CVMS. It will be Friday, November 6th, 2009 at Courtenay Legion, 367 Cliffe. Tickets are at Eco-Centric, Kristi's store in downtown Courtenay, for \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Handbills are available. There will be a 50/50 draw and a silent auction. She would appreciate if we would send out an email to the CVMS membership to let them know about the Eco Fusion Gala. If anyone would like to help, contact Kristi at 250-338-9996.
- She offered to have an info booth on Montessori education at the Gala.
- The CVMS is thankful to Kristi for highlighting Montessori education at her fashion show and for the donation that will result. The CVMS suggested that Kristi have insurance for the event. The CVMS asked for a list of businesses that she approached for silent auction items. The CVMS silent auction is the following week and we do not want to approach the same businesses that she did.

7.3 Our Big Earth Monthly Montessori Column

- We have spoken with Robin Rivers, the editor of the local website "OurBigEarth.com". We will be contributing a monthly article to the website, including some articles from the newsletter that LeighAnn is writing.

Agenda items 7.4 (4 Cats Art Partner Program) and 7.5 (Getting parents involved) were tabled until next month's meeting since the meeting was going late.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm