

Comox Valley Montessori Society Monthly Meeting, Oct 20th, 2010

Present:	Danny White	Shelley Schorno	LeighAnn Vaughan
	Michelle Burry	Ocean Varney	Sherry Turnbull
	Lisa Wilcox	Andrea Rowland	April Brosko
	Erin Walsh	Dave Ogilvie	Shawn Buckle
	Jenn Johnson	Lisa Napier	Angela Fletcher
	Anne Buchanan	Samuel Ashford	Michelle Hawkins
	Samuel Johnson		

1. Call to Order – 7:35

2. Introductions

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

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4. Minutes

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the minutes be adopted from 2010.

As Amended

5. Reports

Administrator's Report: Andrea Rowland

5.1

- Sports teams have begun to play away
- Harvest the Valley was very successful we contributed a large donation.
- Personal and professional goals have been set by school staff to help the students grow as learners
- Lisa Wilcox: asks about the world café-Andrea replies: information has been summarized and she now has it in a format that she can share, someone is working on an artists rendition. Focusing now on the beginning of school and suggests to get something started on this topic, so we can share the information

School Trustee report- Danny White

5.2

- Undergoing closure process of Brooklyn.

- Started with deficit and ended in a surplus for the year-great news.
- PAC donations for playground equipment-confirmed that the playground can now be built-grant for playground structure. \$5000 also put towards playground and now we can use it for other things.

President's Report: Shelley Schorno

5.3

- Positive feedback from Montessori info night. Anne's feedback was great people found her presentation informative and wonderful. Andrea really enjoyed the night. It was asked in feedback to have more nights like this.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Burry

5.4

- GST rebate for the previous years was received, for a total of \$662.66
- Donations since June 1st-approx \$10,000
- Post dates checks-\$2,300
- Non-Cash donations-\$296
- Expenses since June 1st-approx \$1,000-another \$1,000 due for insurance
- Inventory purchases since June 1st-approx \$6,800

Correspondence: Sherry Turnbull

5.5

- Nothing to report, 6 checks in mail box

Inventory: Lisa Wilcox

5.6

- Lisa is providing us with the September report as well-\$6,700 for K class. \$4,500 spent with traditional supplier \$1,200 from Ikea, \$600 needed for lamination costs for these new materials. Waiting on 1 backordered item.
- Lisa has received the wish list from teachers and is full filling as funds arrive.
*LeighAnn asks about volunteer procedures for the lamination process as it was labor intensive last year. Volunteers will be approached similar to last year, we are hoping to have more help.

Fundraising: LeighAnn Vaughan

5.7

- Proposal of Fundsript shopping cards, when used partial funds are donated to our Society. Approx 100 different vendors. Easy to send up using less man-power than previous fundraising events. Classroom Reps will be required to help spread the word. Doesn't cost any extra money. 2-10% donated depending on vendor. LeighAnn is offering a formal presentation on this proposal to discuss the details further. Motion on the floor to begin "Fundsript" Seconded, All in Favor
- It was suggested we set up an account for the "Return it Depot"- to collect donations. Motion on the floor, seconded, all in favor.
- LeighAnn is also working with the PAC so we do not step on toes. Thank-you LeighAnn for this.
- Music for Montessori is a successful fundraiser and would like to present this to the chair and have this event for this year. This event as stated is a zero risk event welcome the whole family. This event will take place before Spring Break. Motion on the floor, seconded, all in favor.
- Art auction-it was suggested to adopt some changes maybe using the "dutch auction" process.-trying to move away from the mall-too labor intensive-open the bidding up to different people. Michelle Burry states we cannot call it a donation as we cannot give tax receipts because an item is purchased-cannot give tax receipts on gift cards either. This discussion was suggested to be tabled until the details can be worked out. LeighAnn asks if anyone can come forward to help her in working out the details-fundraising chair needs a committee. Jenn suggested a separate coffee date to discuss this further
- A reminder was put forth about donating Quality Foods points
- Class Representatives volunteered for each class to help the fundraising committee communicate details to the classrooms Sherry for Anne Buchanan's, LeighAnne for Nicole Ripple's, Caroline for Stephanie Custer's

6. Old Business: Position available/Vice President

- Motion to elect LeighAnne Vaughan for position, seconded and all in Favor

7. New Business

Members Handbook

- Tabled until next meeting-time was an issue

7.1

- Samuel Johnson first report on M.O.M;
first meeting happened this week. Modest gathering about origins of method, history of SD71 among other things.

- M.O.M group reports reaching the men is a challenge can we pass out an email invite again. Including a detailed mission statement.

Old Business

8.1

- Ocean Varney checking in about donation letters, motion on the floor regarding receipts handed in for money spent on letter, seconded all in favor.

8.2

- Dave Ogilvie brings up his issue with kindergarten recess with the intermediate kids on the playground-suggesting we organize a separate time for safety reasons, Thank you to Andrea and Anne for addressing this and Anne for volunteering your time to help supervise our children. They both assure us they are working to make recess outside peaceful.
- It was suggested by Shelley for Dave to bring this matter to the PAC board as this is not really our mandate.

Adjourned 9:04