

**Comox Valley Montessori Society  
AGM, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2011**

<b>Present:</b> Sherry Turnbull	LeighAnn Vaughan	Shelley Schorno	April Brosko
Lisa Wilcox	Carmen Constantino	Sarah Ritchie	Odette Warner
Erin Walsh	Kristina Jespersen	Kathy Roberts	Rosanna Gerritsen
Sharene Popiel	Jenn Johnson	Pauline Rae	Caroline Guay
Christiana Wiens	Skye Myrbo-Hill	Karen Rocque	Ian Harvey
David Ogilvie	Rainbow McBryan	Anne Buchanan	Michelle Hawkins
Tammy Clark	Korina Rushton	Ocean Varney	

**1. Call to Order – 7:38**

**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 2011.

As Amended for next meeting

**5. Reports**

**ELECTION:** LeighAnn introduces the election as follows: will be a secret ballot. Sherry and Michelle's positions are not up for nomination. It is recommended to please put some thought about our team and how the team could work when nominating ie: Email use, meetings are a very big part of being on the board as well as community building. Ocean asks: how we came about to have co-presidents, Pauline Rae Answers: it was best to work out that way. LeighAnne Adds: we were much smaller then and things had to be different. It is an option to do an internship into presidency in best case scenarios. It was decided that we post the option to vote for individual Pres and internship team.

Election Results and Signatures

**President:** Ocean Varney

**Vice President:** Odette Warner

**Treasurer:** Michelle Burry

**Secretary:** Sherry Turnbull

**Directors at Large:**

Tammy Clark

Lisa Wilcox

April Brosko

Ian Harvey

Sharene Popiel

Sarah Ritchie

LeighAnn Vaughan

Erin Walsh

**Administrator's Report: Dan Costain:** Room changes next year: Stephanie Custer is upstairs next door to Nicole R, Michelle H is moving into Mrs.V's class. Anne B will be in Stephanie C's class. Some concern about taking both the water occupied classrooms away from the other Ks, however this wasn't a problem they would prefer to stay in existing classroom. 2x k/1, K12, 23, 3456 is the ideal configuration for the upcoming School year.

Some applications have been handed in but none are qualified candidates-according to Alan Douglas's rules. Its late in the year and most teachers have placement, according to Alan Douglas if we cannot get the appropriate teacher then we cannot have a kindergarten class next year. Not many interested people have the training is our concern.

Dan states we could "relax" our requirements, and accept the K or accept 8 and turn away 22 students. Dan suggests we could go out and recruit the directresses, but who would that be? It was suggested to put "ads" out there, as this happened a couple years ago. Pauline Rae shares last year was the first year that we haven't had a problem recruiting. There was a year we couldn't find a teacher at all.

A member ask if it's appropriate for us to advertise at other Montessori Schools, Dan states there is usually a deadline to resign and we have passed this. Anne's shares we should look at our previous list for recruitment.

Dan would like to give praise for our High Tea it was a great event.

It was noted Even if the other classroom doesn't happen we are still able to receive the funding

**President's Report: Shelley Schorno:** Shelley as been reflecting over the last few years about how much we have grown, She shares she has never worked with a more ambitious group, and would like to thank everyone for the high tea, and all the hard work and community building, been a real honor to be President for the last couple years. A round of applause for Shelley.

**Treasurer's Report: Michelle Burry(absent reviewed by LeighAnne):**

Account Balance \$10,998 Donations \$19,460 Fundraising \$6,716  
Expenses \$15,178

**Correspondence: Sherry Turnbull:** Few emails regarding late registration all were passes onto Dan Costain.

**Inventory: Lisa Wilcox:** Lisa wasn't at the Tea but have been in involved since 7 years ago when there were 5 involved, and shares its so great man new parents have stepped up to meet our goals. So far since the start of the school year we have spent \$10,000 and kept aside some reserves to outfit the new classroom, pretty well the majority is supplies and Ikea items. We have about 1,100 of things that should be arriving any day now, as they have been backordered.

**VP/Fundraising: LeighAnn Vaughan :** been a really fun experience and a great learning experience, she came in late and only done 10 months of a 2 year position, reviewing her goals that have been set, thanks Erin Walsh personally for her hard work helping out, Kudos and amazing things happened here Saturday, would like to thank everyone. Liaison meeting up and running, doing really well 6-7 members 1-2 official liaisons per class. The newsletter will hopefully become a monthly publication.

- Fundraising updates: high tea brought in \$4,700 dollars in funds. We spent well under \$110 for food \$50 for rentals and \$200 for printing. Dan shares the school will cover our costs for this event, and we share a round of applause...
- Fundsript:Erin says thanks Michelle Burry has placed over \$6,000 in her last order! We will be over \$1,000 in fundraising money. Potential to bring in \$8,000 if we get 40 families involved with minimal work involved, we will also be setting a goal and monitoring that.
- Sarah asks for some support to form a committee and 4 members and have volunteer's to help. A small committee was formed.
- Shelley is looking at late October early November to host Music or Montessori.

**Budget:** The budget will be revised to reflect the changes to the \$15,000 of funding, as it will not reach our bank account, it will go to the Directress for furnishing the new classrooms. It was discussed to not have the Donations be higher than the fundraising, to maintain CVMS team spirit and obligations.

**Old Business:** Montessori Picnic: A small committee was formed to begin the preparations to host this event in June, Date and Details TBD

**Meeting adjourned : 9:40pm**

