

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School Meeting Minutes 12/14/17

Attendees:

The list of attendees (sign in sheet) is on Renate's notebook

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Topics Discussed:

1. Parents' Workshops:
 - a. Series begins in January and the subject for the first one will be "Love and Discipline". It will contain a behavioral approach and strategies applied.
 - b. The sessions will be 90 minutes long and the content will apply to all ages in the elementary years.
 - c. Start time for the sessions will be 6:30 pm.
 - d. Second session topic for February, based upon the survey results, will be "How to increase empathy in our children" (including subjects like bullying).
 - e. Child care for all workshops from January on will be sponsored by the PA.
 - f. Mr. Wirth will investigate / confirm any liabilities for kids from other schools to participate in this child care service during the workshops on our school premises.
2. Book Fair:
 - a. Attendance at this year was a little lower than last spring's. Liangy (our lead for this event) believes that the "buy one get one free" promo (which the school does not make any profit with) from last fair was a differentiator factor in the level of attendance and some other moms mentioned the new location within the pre-school as a factor as well.
 - b. It was proposed that we consider running this event in conjunction with a Church/Sunday activity at the church to generate more traffic.
3. Valentine's event was mentioned but not discussed at this meeting
4. Night Under the Stars:
 - a. Tentative date March 10th.
 - b. This is the main focus for our PTA fundraising efforts.
 - c. It was brought to the table to think about the thematic of the event so next meeting we can discuss.
 - d. Liangy called our attention about Rebeca and her husband Dave Foley as great collaborators for this event as they both work in the entertainment industry and can help us bringing some great ideas and access to good resources.
 - e. Renate debriefed Dave Foley on what this event is about and how it's been done the last couple of years.
5. Arts Festival is still unconfirmed for Spring of 2018.
6. Monthly Social's:
 - a. The Country Club informed Renate the possibility of sponsoring child care for us for any future "socials" at the Club.
 - b. We might see this as a regular PTA event (monthly or every other month).
 - c. We are still waiting for the final proceeds number from the first one done last month.

- d. We discussed ways of making this event more contained and interactive for our group of school parents (maybe in just one room?)
- 7. Easy Money:
 - a. BoxTops for Education: we need to keep pushing our room-parents to talk to their class' parents about this resource of funding for the PTA.
 - b. AmazonSmile: let's push this through with all our school parents.
- 8. Additional Funding Requests Approved:
 - a. 1st grade's rug (\$ 363.00)
 - b. Eduaction.com tools and resources for our teachers (\$90.00)
- 9. Update about the Headmaster interviewing process:
 - a. It has been narrowed down to 7 or 8 candidates (local and from out of state) that will come in person to interview during January and February 2018.
- 10. Proposed "Year-end School Celebration" needs to be defined, calendarized after Holiday Break.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30