

Sherwood Montessori Parents Organization
Monthly Meeting October 13, 2015
Minutes

There we were, an exceedingly small crew of six huddled around the benches staring, quiet. What to do? Shy eye contact was made, fleetingly. Where was Jeanette? What would we do? Adrift, alone!! Then, Romie started the meeting at 5:38. Fortunately, the coffee cake had a dangerous amount of caffeine, the pumpkin pie was exquisite and the cheese and challah-wow!

There is a Board of Directors meeting coming up this week. Russell, with an awkward home-haircut, plugged what happens at the meeting and echoes Romie's encouragement for parents to attend.

Aftercare still needs a refrigerator. Noted that the Build.com resale is great place to get appliances. Not exactly relevant, but since it was announced, it is in the minutes! While gentle banter ensued, the trusty secretary posted an wanted ad on Craigslist.

Next, Romie reminded parents not to post personal notes on the SMPO bulletin board. The school will be installing a new board for parents to communicate. This will necessitate a volunteer to take care of managing the two boards.

Michelle Report (in absentia though Romie did try to do her best Michelle impression and the crowd felt at ease): Again with the BOD meeting. Also, Michelle is looking for parents to paint bathroom and Michelle's office. Middle School will make mild and spicy not scary scary haunted mazes at the Fall Festival. Steve will coach indoor soccer but needs help with Wednesday games at "Off the Wall." Fall Festival needs volunteers. BOD asked teachers about shabbiness fixerings so that may involve parent volunteers once the list is compiled. Currently the school is in the midst of the annual "Read-a-Thon," and could use some help getting the word out. (Russell recently finished "Still Time" by Jean Hegland and highly recommends it to adults.)

Volunteer Opportunities: Come to BOD meetings! That's the third call!! Chef Richie needs volunteers, check with him. Still need someone to monitor "Lost and Found." Who ho? A voice from the back....and Sara steps up! Thanks Sara (yet again)!

Sara will also step up for a new board for coordinating the info boards. That's two in a row!!

Committee Reports:

Daniella reported that she is on the Green Committee. Bike to School day would be great, maybe more than once a year? Need covered and locked storage. Possibly behind the school? There are enough recycling bins, but folks need to be educated on what works, what doesn't. Daniella put in new signs to help direct, but need volunteers to go into the classrooms. (Russell fired off an e-mail to the CAVE

volunteers at Chico State requesting classroom volunteers.) Composting wasn't working out as the kids have a tough time sorting fats and diaries (no good) from the fruits and veggies (good). It does make a difference to be here during the lunch hour to guide the kids so perhaps other parents could step up (11:30-12:30)? What about the students? Representative Middle Schooler in the crowd says, "Thumbs Up!" Perhaps opportunity for Buddy System with the younger Montessorians? Need a dump run for various items. It is also noted that the Green Committee found places where water can be saved. Need to evaluate the sprinkler system.

Russell S. reported on the School Site Committee. Cleaned out the storage room to clear the fire inspection.

Volunteer tracking committee getting better all the time! Still sorting it out. Look for improvements to the online reporting.

Melissa updated folks on Fall Festival, booths, games, etc. Look for rapid communications so we are in line for Friday. Still looking for help with the Art Fundraiser and the Winter Festival is still looking for a location. Well, technically the staff is looking for a location for the Winter Festival but it is an interesting visual.

School Logo. Danielle and Romie are taking the lead with design options for the improved "Wolf Pack" green and brown. The now large parent group was advised to "Portray the school you want to be, maybe not as it is now." It all starts with Swag, so the sooner we get a logo, the swagger may commence.

"Thank yous" all the way around for the great volunteering we see at the school.

Romie closed the meeting 6:38