

**Sherwood Montessori Parents Organization**  
**Welcome Back Meeting August 12, 2015**  
**Minutes**

The meeting began amidst much munching of tasty fare, reuniting of old friends, and introductions of new families at 5:32 pm. The officers were introduced to the gathering throngs. Romie Steffenson (President) and Jeanette Conery (VP) both in matching black tank tops as benefited a hot Chico evening. Russell Shapiro (Secretary) fading into the background in a 'never out of fashion' T-shirt and jeans. School Director Michelle Yezbick was introduced, wearing a pleasant summer dress. Romie noted that the agenda is posted online prior to the meetings. Michelle addressed the volunteer requirement by noting that the "key point is partnership between parents and the school," in part because of the lower funding than district school and higher expenses. Volunteerism is also important because Montessori is built upon being involved. "Doing more with less."

Romie snagged back the mic to talk about recording hours either 'old school on paper' or SCAN reporting or Google Sheet reporting. Please contact the SMPO president for more information. SMPO would like to build on the strengths and diverse skills of the families. Romie went over the different committees that are listed.

Kids are running around bringing life and vitality in the background.

Chef Jeannette stood in for Chef Richie to note that he needs specific help such as graphic design, cleaning, and especially parent help when teaching cooking class. He has a list in the kitchen.

Jeannette then swung into genuflecting and "Thank Yous" specifically highlighting Jamie and Mike Hughes for redesigning and revamping the Sherwood sign. Also, there were a number of families who showed up for the first school clean-up work day. There was a subtle plea and promise of fun and festivities for those who show up for the next workday.

Moving along into the open forum, the crowd found out the slate will be wiped clean with regards to last year's volunteer hours. Also, class assignments will be posted the night before school starts (5:00).

SMPO meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00. And, hey, if you can't make it, you can always read the minutes and fake it.

The clipboards are around, so please sign up for volunteer hours!

Jeanette then moved into summarizing the four committees that are an outgrowth of SMPO. The Green Committee will work on environmentalizing the school even more toward the glory of the happiness of the Earth. The School Site committee is the

Builders and Doers. Volunteer Tracking will do just that. (They tend to get the green handshakes, if you know what I mean.) Sherwoodstock Planning committee is the fun committee that plans the major fundraiser each year.

Romie gave a Winston Churchill speech that inspired the crowd and the clipboards were passed around with gusto.

Jamie Hughes stepped up to talk about "Girls on the Run" for girls in the 3-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Folks need to know that Girls on the Run is not just about running but also teaches life skills. There will also be a 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade program for girls that will be run by Celeste.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 with closing remarks by Jeannette and Michelle.

Faithfully recorded and submitted.