

A Child's Garden FIC Notes

12/14/19

Family Involvement Committee Meeting (2019 #4)

- I. Introductions
 - A. See sign-in sheet
- II. New to ACG or FIC
 - A. FIC stands for Family Involvement Committee. Purpose is for teacher/staff appreciation, fundraising, and community building.
- III. Selection of secretary for the meeting notes: Sarah Browne
- IV. Quick Updates Prior to Agenda
 - A. Barnes & Noble
 1. This fundraising event was just one day this year, it used to be 3 days, but things have changed with new ownership. We were capped at 10% of sales if we sold at least \$10k. It is estimated that we made approximately \$1500-2000 with \$23K in sales!
 - B. Parent's night out
 1. Few families who had to cancel so only 13 kids showed up, they all had a good time and parents were appreciative who participated. Don't know how much yet we made at Il Vicino and Toad Road. Estimate about \$300-500. In the future will do the pop-up Color Wheel.
 2. It has been brought up to the FIC to possibly do dine and donate in conjunction with parent's night out every other month.
- V. Gala Update & Requests
 - A. The biennial gala event will be held at the National Hispanic Cultural Center with a 20's theme. The Gala provides about \$60k in tuition assistance every year along with teacher development. Will be launching a new website with information about the Gala in January.
 - B. We are asking for sponsors, Mary has the sponsor letter and form for the following 3 levels:
 1. Whiskey \$1500: 6 tix, table, signage at event
 2. Wine \$1000: 4 tix, signage
 3. Moonshine \$500: 2 tix, signage
 - C. Class baskets will be auctioned off the week before the Gala. This will be a joint effort with the classroom teacher and the classroom parent(s). Past examples included Taco night for kids, margaritas for adults. Will also have teacher or family experiences to sign-up and pay for.
 1. We need someone to organize the class baskets including wrapping them, the bid sheets, and start the bids.
 - D. Silent auction will be part of the event
 1. Mary will send an email with letters for the silent auction using last gala's templates.
 2. We need someone to do the silent auction bid sheets in late Jan/early Feb.
 - E. Can buy tickets in the office. This is the biggest venue we have had, it holds 300 so need to sell tickets! All staff get a ticket. The Board will be deciding on whether to approve 1/2 off or discounted tix for staff to buy for their partners or friends. Also looking at lottery for tickets to staff and families who have volunteered their time this year so far.
 - F. Wine and whiskey pull and moonshine pull: buy \$100 tix for 3 pulls to include 3 bottles of wine and/or whiskey or buy \$50 tix for 3 pulls of beer growlers/merchandise
 1. January will be another family event at Steelbender where you can come and bring either bottles of wine, whiskey, or beer.
 - G. We are looking for donations for dessert and beer/wine for the event (rest of food will be catered). High and Dry and Steelbender will donate beer for the event, need wine and desserts!
- VI. Teacher & Staff Gifts for December
 - A. Need to distribute gifts by next Friday the 20th.
 - B. If families want to help with aftercare staff, floaters, and extracurricular staff please drop-off \$\$ to Will or Mary in the front office who are collecting funds.

- C. FIC pays 1/2 of the holiday bonuses for staff which is \$4200 total.
- VII. Godly Play
 - A. Aftercare Montessori style religious education offered by the Church. Tuesday afternoons from 1-2pm for 3-5 year olds. They need at least 6 kids to move forward with the class that starts Jan 14. Signups at the classroom. This class is Free.
- VIII. Ad Hoc Agenda Items
 - A. Coat drive
 - 1. Based on input from a parent, next year at same time as Halloween costume donations we will look at coat donations for sale. Whatever is left will be kept at ACG.
 - B. Next staff breakfast will be 1/16/20 Yucca room. Thank you so much for all of the breakfasts and this last month's lovely catered breakfast, much appreciated.
 - C. Registration for 20-21 will open on Monday, January 13, 2020. Get your info in early to the office. Info will be on the website starting 1/13/20.
 - D. First day back to school post-holiday break will be January 7th.
 - E. Next FIC meeting will be January 11th, 2020.