

# TAPAS

Minutes Dec 3, 2009

(I did not receive have an attendance list... these minutes were typed from notes provided by Wendy Minor-Ashby.)

Thanks to pizza day volunteers. Everyone is excited... proceeds are about \$100 each time.

## **Treasurer:**

October: \$8200 at month's end.

Problems with some checks labeled MRG and not TAPAS (so there will be more \$\$ to be accounted for).

Funds are still available for SCRIPS.

Book Fair: Total profit \$219.43 in 2 hours. Plan to organize another fair in the spring with a storyteller.

## **Class Parent Liason:**

Working on clarifying role to minimize/eliminate confusion.

Establish practice of TAPAS contacting Liason who will disseminate info.

Eg.: class parents to rally volunteers for their own classrooms.

Liasons to check with Kelly if email lists are all current, & to alert Kelly to updates to email addresses they receive.

Discussion of paper reminders (flyers) as more effective in reality.

Suggestion: use 1/4 or 1/2 sheets to save paper.

Class parents to try & determine who is reading & responding to emails, etc.

## **December Teacher Appreciation:**

Ian/Sabrina's class to help with a "stay warm" activity

## **Money collected for Bus to Nutcracker:**

Cash needs to be "donated" in check form with a receipt to be deposited to the school's account. Tapas accepted cash and will cut a check to Bonnie for school.

## **Holidays and parent feedback:**

Bonnie: Would like the Council to develop a policy re: the holidays and things that are/are not permitted.

In staff meeting, Teachers decided to ask parents for donations of any number of gently used books. Kids will each choose one to take home and the remainder will be wrapped and donated to an organization like Joy Junction.

Discussion of past trip to Barrett House, taking public transportation & touch down with experiences of those less fortunate. Discussion of past trip to the mission & how kids were profoundly impacted.

Lisa offered to pickup and deliver books for holiday donation. Parent volunteers to help with wrapping.

Each classroom is planning its own activity for Dec 16 (last day of school before break).

Discussion of respect for diverse belief systems. MRG doesn't bombard kids in a generally hectic season.

## **Foundation:**

1. Roxanne: Fun Run @ Cinco de Mayo. Tapas asked to gather volunteers. Kids currently practicing.

2. On-line auction Volunteers requested:

Feb 12 to March 5 to gather auction items.

Donations to be requested Jan 11 to Feb 11 for \$250 in donations from each family to yield \$35,000 profit.

David Garcia volunteers to store goods.

ebay & paypal will be used

Letter to go out to parents.

Mar 6 to April 6: actual auction dates.

Request for people with experience in online selling, data entry, etc.

### 3. Grandparents/Special persons day:

Feb 11 date finalized.

Nikki will send email to TAPAS volunteers requesting help with the above.

Discussion: Information to go out re: where money from each of these fund-raising events will go.

News: Foundation purchased 10 person table at ABQ Interfaith dinner in December. Dinner about Education and Rallying support for Feb Mill Levy which will benefit charter schools. MRG on docket for 3 million for new facility.

Neighborhood campaign in January to push this vote. Los Duranes Assoc will also be contacted.

### **Cleanup Day:**

Jan 9 for entire facility. Navy Seabreeze crew will attend.

Jan 4th back to school--hang a poster to alert parents.

Hot Dog roasting after cleanup.

### **TAPAS donation for Chris Felix:**

Chris's favorite charities: ABQ Rescue mission, habitat for Humanity.

Up to \$250 will be donated from Foundation.

TAPAS will match with \$250 donation.

Decision of where to donate will be made by Foundation.

Donations to Keshet as thanks for tickets discussed. Thank you letter to be sent instead.

### **Care for a Square:**

Parking Lot volunteer acquired.

Signs to be pulled for last year's volunteers.

Children's art work from Ms. Mary's class will be included in new signage.

### **Discussion of Action Planning:**

Goal #1: Tapas to encourage montessori education for parents.

How to measure this goal? is this appropriate function for TAPAS? Providing Montessori education is what the Instructional Coach does, and we would like to support this as well as offer other opportunities. Discussed re-orienting goal to something like "Help orient families to the way of MRGC," through class parents being mentors or panel discussions. Ms. Bonnie suggested have an orientation prior to registration so families can know expectations & philosophy and see if it meets their own. Possible three strands of orientation: new families; mid-level; experienced mentors.

Respectfully submitted,

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