

Aug 15, 2023 CDS Meeting Minutes

Present: Natalie Scheits, Jen Brown, Pastor Brown, Melanie Wahlgren, Judy Karchner, Aubrey Diebert, Chelsea Floro

Guests: Anji Andrews, Paige Busdiecker, Dana Nutter

Jen read devotions, Chelsea will do next month devotions

Development: Newsletter was finished by Melanie, going out. Back to school potluck is scheduled and planned for tomorrow at 5:30 pm in Lounge. About 16 families RSVP'd

Annual Fund Kickoff Event: Talent Show- Melanie and Chelsea organizing. Melanie will make signup flier.

Marketing: Solomon was advertised on the cub scout day camp folders, Fremont City Facebook page. The Billboard is now down.

SEA: Officer election is needed. Natalie will talk to parents at potluck to get going. This year we are hoping to revamp and make a few changes. Will request SEA pres/vice pres to attend CDS mtg, try to hold on same nights if possible, Try to have a rep from each class etc. Goal is to bridge the gap from CDS and SEA and work better together/ get more parent involvement in SEA.

Old business

7th/8th update: informational mtg is planned for Sept 17th 12pm (during Chicken BBQ) \$100 will hold a spot for students interested.

School Safety Grant: We received \$2500 for professional development and student mental health resources in relation to school safety. Melanie has a friend who does that sort of counseling for children. Will get a quote from her/ suggestions for small group programming that she might be able to provide.

We also received approval for a \$20,000 grant for technology connection (this would allow the Woodville Police Dept access to remotely monitor cameras at the school) We have several quotes and will move forward when we have money in hand (have not physically rec'd yet, only approval)

EOP: Emergency operating plans are still in progress

Re-enrollment update: k-6 has 57 students enrolled, all sections of Preschool are full, (24 in each class - M/W/F and T/Th)

SGO Scholarship committee: Pastor Alan, Kay Dicken and Judy Karchner on committee. They are meeting asap to review applications.

Other Scholarships: EdChoice: almost all families have filled out. Every family qualifies for something. Those who do not receive 100% scholarship are still eligible for internal scholarships/ Meyer Financial aid.

Meyer Financial aid: We have a lot of Preschool families waiting on a response. Will have a meeting this week to go over Household incomes and recommend approval amounts.

Attendance Scholarship: Change this year that the scholarship amount will be reimbursed after the attendance card is turned in (10 worship services at a Lutheran church requirement). This is a change from last year, when families received the scholarship up front and were billed the amount at the end of the year if they had not met the requirement. This made things more difficult for Marcella at the end of the year so this year we are trying a reimbursement model.

Chicken BBQ: Planned for Sept 17th, still a lot of planning to do. Mike Nutter said he will cook the chicken, but we will need to provide all food and supplies for him there. He will bring his own seasonings. Mr. Schuett can help Mike cook (a few others also mentioned they could help cook)

Judy will call Granny's Backyard BBQ to see if they have availability/ prices incase we change our mind on cooking on site. She will also get prices for ½ birds from Frobose/ reserve 300 of them.

Pastor will locate equipment.

Jen will talk to parents at potluck tomorrow to secure volunteers, and started an email thread for further planning after today.

Chelsea will get tickets designed/ printed.

Melanie will make fliers.

Tentative menu discussed: chicken, baked potato, green beans, roll, desert (deserts donated)

Baptism gift for older children: looking for ideas of gifts to give on behalf of the school to older children who are baptized (currently infants are given a Solomon school bib)
Suggestions should be emailed to Natalie

Handbook approval:

Judy made a motion to approve the amendments made to the Parent/Student handbook.

Jen Seconds.

Motion carries.

New Business

Calamity day plan: New legislation dictates that after 3 calamity days there needs to be a plan in place for home instruction (ie. blizzard bags). CDS suggests to Natalie that she discuss with the teachers their ideas and come back to CDS next mtg for approval.

Mtg adjourned.

Next scheduled Mtg: Sept 12th 6pm