

Dandelion Family Association Minutes

January 5, 2009 (HAPPY NEW YEAR!)

Attendance -

Staff - Mary Janson, Janice Czeh

DFA - Heather Houck, Valerie Thee, Lori Henry, Tricia Jarrell, DiDi Willard, Shelton & Tamara Alexander, Pat Thompson, Dan Namur, Debbie Tompkins, Samantha Crist, Patty Ainsworth. Childcare - (room 3).

Update on DFA Account

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
12/1/08	Balance as of last DFA Meeting			\$2141.15
12/4/08	Holiday Festival Items* (\$80.19 real cost)	\$50.28		\$2090.87
12/4/08	DFA gifts for Staff from Book Crossing	\$285.40		\$1805.47
12/16/08	Veteran's Day Parade 1 st Place Prize		\$200.00	\$2005.47
12/16/08	Santa Shop Profit		\$1475.00	\$3480.47
12/16/08	PNO Profit		\$100.00	\$3580.47
12/19/08	Edible Arrangement for Staff Meal on 12/19/08	\$50.89		\$3529.58

*Incorrectly included \$29.91 in Dec. expense for Santa Shop (should be 11/25 \$172.54 for Santa Shop on Dec. agenda and 12/4 \$80.19 Holiday Festival)

Internet Update (Mary/Kim)

- Di Di and Kim to get together with Shelton about an air card which will enable Dandelion to have Internet access without having to rely on hot spot availability, access to a phone line for dial-up or sharing a wired connection.

Funding Factory: Current Balance 137.61 pts./\$55.04 (to date: 3808.61 pts./\$1523.44)

- Voted "YES" to order one more digital camera.
- Will order 1 ½" lower case letters & punctuation with storage rack=155 pts next time.

December in Review

• Secret Santa Shoppe Update

1. Overall Income (\$1475.00)-Expense (\$592.05) = TOTAL PROFIT \$882.95
2. Any left over items will be stored at Dandelion until next year.
3. It was decided that any items that can not be stored will either be purchased or returned.
4. The Secret Santa Shoppe was held on Saturday, December 6th, during the Holiday Festival.
5. Volunteers signed up to help "customers" pick out gifts and to bag their items. They also kept a log of what was sold and for how much.
6. DFA offered a volunteer sign up sheet so children who submitted an envelope could go "shopping" with a little help from a volunteer. It was successful, and it seemed to relieve the staff of having to do this job alone.

• Holiday Festival

1. The Holiday Festival was held on Saturday, December 6th, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. at DCCC.
2. The Valley Soap Company, LLC participated in the Santa Shoppe during the party, and was requested to put up a holiday display for December.
3. The parent volunteers were extremely helpful with the crafts, pictures, and or course all of the wonderful food! (DFA offered a volunteer sign up sheet for all of these events.)
4. Pictures were e-mailed to families the next day. It was a HUGE hit at the party!
5. Over all we had roughly 107 people come to the Holiday Festival and it "flowed" really well this year. The party concluded by singing Christmas songs and finishing off the food.

• Gifts for the Staff (Trishia, Shelton, Tamara, Lori, Di Di & Kymberli)

1. A gift certificate and discount coupon from the Book Crossing in Brunswick was given to each staff member.
2. A staff lunch and edible fruit display was presented on Friday December 19th around noon.
3. Di Di presented and read some "Thank you" cards from the staff. This event was well received by the staff.

Dandelion "Yellow Book" (Heather and Kymberli)

- Yellow Book will be printed this month, after Mary and Janice proof read the latest adjustments.

A Night Out of the Kitchen (Valerie)

- This fundraiser will be held in Frederick at the Hard Time's Café on Tuesday, Jan. 20, ALL DAY. (It's the way Hard Times likes to do their fundraisers - all day.)
- Although the fundraiser will be going on all day, most of the families are expected to have their evening meal there.
- DFA will receive a check for 20% of the profit for every ticket turned in to the server for their meal.
- It is noted that this event is another chance for Dandelion families to meet, and have fellowship with each other, and that is why the "Night Out of the Kitchen" was started.

Valentine's Day Gift for Children (Di Di, Heather, Debbie)

- Friday, February 13th DFA will give the children a carnation with a signed valentine to take home. Heather to get red carnations and Debbie to get the valentine note cards.
- As a "pilot" project, the DFA will host a PJ and Pizza lunch on Friday, February 13th. Di Di to make up fliers.
- It was discussed that if we have the funds, maybe the DFA could offer a PJ and Pizza party every quarter.

DFA Survey (Valerie)

- It was discussed during the meeting that perhaps the DFA needs to make a survey for our families to let us know how we are doing. It would be helpful for planning purposes with all of the new and creative ideas for fundraising and for new events and activities.
- Suggestions were made as to what needs to go into the questionnaire such as "What do you like?" "What is your favorite/like best?" "Do the times work for you?" "Do we have enough variety?" ETC...
- Time line - The survey will be created in January and presented to the DFA at the February meeting, and results brought to the table in March.

Willie Woo Woo update (Mary)

- Mary presented the group with an update on the Willie Woo Woo situation.
- Full payment was made for two (2) performances by Willie Woo Woo and we have had difficulties with setting up the second performance. So, DiDi has volunteered to work with Mary on this matter.

New Fundraising Ideas

- **Mc Gruff**
 1. It was discussed that it would be nice to offer a Safety component during the Family Fun Festival in May. The McGruff® Safe Kids Total Identification System of Frederick offers several packages for child safety/identification and education.
 2. Dan showed the DFA a sample of what the I.D. card looks like for those who were not familiar with the program.
 3. Samantha said that she will find out if our date is available, and how the fundraising component would work.
- **Cookbook (Shelton)**
 1. The DFA reviewed the sample cookbook that Heather brought in from her last project at work.
 2. DFA will discuss doing this as a possible fundraiser at the next meeting.
 3. It is noted that our fundraisers are "interactive" and "fun" rather than the *usua*/"sell, sell, sell!" approach that is very common in schools and organizations these days. It is acknowledged that the DFA has and will do the other kinds, but we have a nice balance right now.

Clothing exchange/Donations (Mary, Dan & Tricia)

- Saturday, February 21st, 9 am - 12 noon at DCCC.
- It was discussed that the DFA hold a clothing, toy, and food drive/swap at the school with DFA families getting the first pick, Dandelion Christian Child Care getting the next pick, and then letting the local church groups and community organizations keep the remaining items as a donation from DFA. The goal is to keep the donations local and community centered.

Paving the lot at Dandelion (Di Di & Samantha)

- Samantha and Di Di are working on getting a quote for paving the "loop" area of the parking lot. They will present this quote to the DFA or Mary as they get the information.

Cubbies (Di Di)

- Di Di is working on getting a quote from IKEA for cubbies for the students. She brought a catalog to show the DFA what they may look like. This item to be discussed further next meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- **Night Out of the Kitchen—Tuesday, Jan. 20, all day**
- **Next DFA Meeting—Monday, February 2, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Parent's Night Out—Saturday, February 7, 4-8 p.m.**
- **Valentine's Day Greeting—Friday, February 13 at DCCC**