

**D F A Minutes**  
**November 3, 2008**

**Dandelion Community Mission Statement**

- We are dedicated to promoting positive development in children by:
- Building caring relationships through positive discipline offered in a safe and enriching environment;
- Providing dedicated staff who engages children in the joy and excitement of learning;
- Offering a quality curriculum using innovative and research-based teaching strategies;
- Establishing strong partnerships with parents/guardians; and
- Nourishing spiritual growth through modeling love and respect for each other and the world around us.

**Update on DFA Account**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
10/06/08	Balance as of last DFA Meeting			2182.67
10/18/08	Wing 'n' Pizza (Pizza order for the Trunk -or- Treat)	82.56		2100.11
10/20/08	Stitchin Embroidery Check	298.32		1801.79
10/21/08	Balance due for Willy Woo Woo	250.00		1551.79
10/30/08	PNO Profit from 10/04/08		85.00	1636.79

**Attendance -**

*Staff - Mary Janson, Janice Czeh*

*DFA - Heather Houck, Valerie Thee, Lori Henry, Tricia Jarrell, Kymberli & Darin Rand, DiDi Willard, Nate & Heather Taylor, Shelton & Tamara Alexander, Pat Thompson.*

**Funding Factory (Kim)**

- Die Cut Machine ordered with 168 points.
- Die set - 131 points
- Storage rack - 38 points
- Current point balance is 38.51/ \$15.40, and to date: 3709.51 pts./\$1483.80

**T- Shirt Order Summary (Debbie)**

- Total Paid - \$376.23 to Stitchin' Embroidery.
- Dandelion - \$77.91 for staff t-shirts. DFA - \$298.32 for shirts.
- 10 shirts in stock and ready to sell.
- Estimated profit when all shirts sell = \$53.68

**Trunk or Treat - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual-Sat. 10/18/08 (5:00-7:00 pm)**

- Huge turn out. Estimated 148 people showed vs. 93 last year.
- Wings -n- Pizza gave Dandelion the Tuesday night special price.
- Lots of food, but next time we may order more pizzas, since they went fast.
- It was suggested we give out prizes or have a contest next year. Everyone would be a winner ☺.

**DFA sponsored Scholastic Book Fair - October 10/16-24 (Patty) -**

- Display set up on Thursday, 10/16/08 and was a great success.
- \$1025.37 in book sales
- \$700.00 free books
- 20 books donated

**Veterans Day Parade - Sun. November 2, 2008**

- Wayne experienced a gas leak in the tractor, but he was able to save the day by switching tractors at the last second. Go Wayne! The new T-Shirt looked very good on Miss Carrie Kisner as our living sign.
- 4 staff and 4 families attended by riding in the float and throwing candy out to the crowd.
- Need to review the event calendar for 2009 - Low turn out most likely due to such a jam packed weekend (Halloween on Fri. night and then the Parade on Sun.) We may need to re-evaluate our participation in the parade next year, and brainstorm our next "theme" for 2009.
- DFA will send Wayne Shankle and Charlie Smith a thank you card and gift certificate from Cracker Barrel (\$25 each).

**Dandelion "Yellow Book" (Heather and Kymberly)**

- Some contacts being added last min. Trying to get as many in as possible before it goes to print.
- December will be distribution month.
- It was suggested that we create an easily updateable database for adding new contacts or making corrections to the resource book. Some ideas include a password protected link from the DCCC website.
- Shelton to meet with Kim about the website and the yellow book ideas.

**Uncle Ralph's Cookies - November 3, - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (DiDi, Debbie, Lori, Val)**

- Flier distributed. Posters posted. Delivery to be 11/25.
- Cookies will be sorted out in front of the building.

**Cubbies (Kim, Mary)**

- Continuing to explore options for either purchasing cubbies or having them built by a contractor.
- DiDi suggested we check out Ikea for ideas, and prices.
- Mary and Kim were unable to attend Linganore High School auction last month for possible lockers.

**Holiday Santa Shoppe- December 1st, 2008 - (Debbie, Kymberly, Heather, Valerie, Tricia, Lori)**

- The committee met at Kymberly Rands home.
- Reviewed the current inventory, and created a "shopping list".
- Timeline - Mid November we want items priced and ready to go.
- Next meeting Nov. 11, 2008 at Dandelion.

**Holiday Festival - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (Heather Houck, Valerie Thee, Lori Henry, Tricia Jarrell, Kymberly Rand, DiDi Willard, Nate & Heather Taylor, Shelton & Tamara Alexander, Pat Thompson.)**

- The party will start at 1:00 and end at 3:00 pm. at DCCC. (100 - 150 people may attend.)
- There will be food, activities, and family pictures taken for free.
- Committee meeting will be held on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Tamara and Shelton's home.

**Dandelion Discoveries Classified AD (Sue)**

- The classified ad that Sue brought to the DFA last month will officially begin in January/February 2009.
- Need to decide on the cost and run time of the advertisement.

**DFA Bulletin Board (Valerie)**

- Create a display to highlight DFA events to begin anytime in November.

**Miscellaneous -**

- The paving of the parking lot will be postponed until we obtain a decent bid from a dependable company.
- It was discussed that all DFA members will have a master contact list for DFA use.
- "Job Descriptions" for DFA chair and co-chair positions will be placed in the DFA handbook.
- It was brought to the attention of the DFA that we examine the safety of the fences around the playgrounds. It was suggested that they may need to be a bit higher in order to provide a safer barrier. Mary to check the current height of the fencing, and will review the current specifications and regulations regarding this issue.

**Upcoming events:**

- Willie Woo Woo (Sponsored by DFA) - November, 2008 (TBA)
- Next DFA Meeting—December 1st, 2008 (6:30 p.m.)
- Parent's night out - Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- A Night Out of the Kitchen - Fundraiser - January 2009 (TBA)