

## Dandelion Family Association Minutes December 3, 2007

### 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 engage 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.

### Welcome/Introductions

*--Parents in Attendance: Debbie Tompkins, Didi Willard, Patty Ainsworth, Shelley Grenier, Amy Gaeta*

*--Staff in Attendance: Janice Czeh, Mary Janson, Kim Rokos*

### Update on DFA Account

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
11/5/07	Beginning Balance as of last DFA meeting			\$3779.29
11/6/07	Kidz First Deposit—Holiday Magic		\$23.62	\$3802.91
11/27/07	Holiday Festival Materials	\$56.75		\$3746.16
11/27/07	Kidz First Check	\$1443.82		\$2302.34
11/30/07	Kidz First Deposit—Santa Shoppe		\$258.12	\$2560.46
11/30/07	Interest		\$1.47	\$2561.93
	\$100 Room Allowances--estimated balance	(\$700.00)		\$1860.46

**Funding Factory: Current Balance 250.50 pts./\$100.20 (2322.50 pts./\$929.00 to date)**

**Future Purchases—Digital Cameras for each room (4-500 points each)**

**New Recycling Opportunity—Recycle Used Books (certain criteria)**

**Veteran's Day Parade—Got 3<sup>rd</sup> Place!!!! Check and certificate mailed?? Give something to Wayne Shankle as a Thank You for driving the wagon?**

*--We received a \$75.00 check and a certificate the week of 12/10/07. The certificate is posted on the DFA board. The group voted on purchasing a \$25 gift card to Cracker Barrel for the Shankle's as a Thank You for allowing us to use their wagon and driving the tractor for the parade. Kim R. to purchase the gift card and present it to the Shankle's during the month of December.*

**Kidz First Fundraiser—\$798.18 Profit so far from Holiday Magic Orders from Catalog**

**Kidz First Santa Shoppe Update—Thanks to Shelley and Janice for setting up the display on 11/23/07**

*--The group discussed the interest and participation of the families of the Secret Santa Shoppe concept. The product selection offered by Kidz First was average (too many different items and some very cheap looking). Some items were not displayed due to the appearance. The group decided that the DFA will offer the Santa Shoppe next year but with DFA purchased items instead of Kidz First items. A budget of \$300 was set and individual DFA members are invited to purchase items that they see fit to offer for next year's Santa Shoppe. DFA members will email Kim to let her know what items were purchased and she will forward the information to the rest of the group so everyone is informed. Receipts are to be turned in to Kim for reimbursement from the DFA account.*

*--Final details for the Secret Santa Shoppe were discussed. How to ship back and when? Janice will speak to Heather Houck who was the initial contact for Kidz First.*

### **Holiday Festival Update—Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

--28 families (107 people) attended. Very big success! The group decided that 2 hrs was just enough time to get everything done. Thanks to all DFA members who came early or stayed late to assist in set-up and clean-up.

### **Dandelion Yellow Book Update**

--Heather Houck is the parent in charge of compiling the Yellow Book. Janice to speak with Heather regarding the progress of the book and to get names of families who have not yet turned in a yellow book information sheet. A reminder will be sent out to families to let them know that there is still time to turn in the sheet.

### **DFA \$100 Room Purchases Update**

--Materials have been purchased from Discount School Supply for each room. Mary compiled a list of items and handed it out to the group. She also had sample items to show the group such as an abacus and Gears Set). More items to still be purchased...

### **DFA Purchased Staff Holiday Gift Ideas**

--There are now about 30 staff members at Dandelion. The group voted on purchasing \$10 Sheetz Gift Cards and key chains from [www.TeacherGifts.com](http://www.TeacherGifts.com). Thanks to Debbie Tompkins for the research on the key chains. The key chains are metal with a hook and clip. The group decided to order a selection of 3 different styles. Kim R. to order the items. Mary and Janice to speak to individual DFA members regarding interest and availability to come to Dandelion on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> to personally hand out the gifts to each staff member. Janice to have some children help to decorate gift bags for the teacher.

### **Night Out of the Kitchen—January 2008**

--Allison Walser is researching the possibility of having the January "Night Out of the Kitchen" at the new Mexican Restaurant to open in Brunswick next to the Sheetz and McDonalds. She will inquire with the restaurant once they have opened in December and let us know the status. If this is not an option, other restaurants of interest are Ledo's Pizza and Mama Lucia's.

**Future Fundraising Goals?? Other Ideas?** Thanks to the Rand's for the donation of the Popcorn Trolley. We enjoyed it at the Festival on Saturday ☺

--Amy to write a thank you note to the Rand's for the donation of the popcorn trolley.

--Didi suggested Noah's Ark Bear Making as a possible future fundraiser. This has been offered at a previous center that their family had attended. The group loved the idea and talked about the possibility of offering this activity/fundraiser at the Family Fun Festival in February. Janice has information about Noah's Ark and will make a phone call to inquire about securing this for the Festival.

--Kim suggested another fundraiser involving selling flags that can be displayed in front of houses. This fundraiser has been done at other centers and has generated some good profit. Kim to inquire about contact information.

--The group discussed the interest still in compiling a Dandelion Cook Book. Kim is going to write a part in the Bloomer to let families know to donate any favorite recipes to include in our cook book.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Parent's Night Out—Saturday, December 8, 4-8 p.m.

Willy Woo Woo Jingle Bell Magic—Wednesday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.

Next DFA Meeting—January 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.