HMF Monthly Board Meeting August 2023

2 August 2023 / 6:30 PM / Poddar Residence

Attendees

Mital Poddar, President

Alicia Vento. Vice President

Lance Ehrman, Treasurer

Elizabeth Sudano, Secretary

Jennifer Perry, Assemblies and Field Trips

XUIkar Abbas, Events

XLinh Tang, Events

Stephen Bingham, Hammer Montessori Principal

Robert Kossayian, Upper El Teacher Representative

Meeting Details

Motion to Start: Mital Poddar

Second: Alicia Vento

Meeting Start: 6:35

Motion to End: Mital Poddar

Second: Alicia Vento

Meeting End: 7:33

Discussion

- <u>Budget</u> Meeting Recap
 - Annual appeal \$250 per family, ask with a deadline and maybe more often
 - Share current totals with Mr Bingham
 - Online via Konstella or drop off in the office
 - Running negative this year
 - Gains at walk-a-thon basically just off-set a lower than usual annual appeal

- Hoping arts funding will relieve us of Starting Arts burden so we can continue to directly fund Montessori Education, Materials, better field trips, and new/returning programming (garden, poet, science?)
 - No in classroom time will be devoted to non-core academics
- Decreased 500->400 teacher reimbursement for training
- Current Balance \$48673 combined (post Starting Arts, prof development)

• Material to Share with Teachers

- Amazon gift cards \$150 to be delivered at staff meeting 8/9 at pm
- o Doc will be emailed, maybe along with gift card for supplies
 - Just one supplies gift card this year
 - Montessori supplies purchase to be put off until ~ December. Teachers should fill out the form so we know what they want. We will inventory to see if we can just match up needs with what we already have in closets.

Field Trips

- What is the budget from Hammer? spend that first
 - School has no funds for Field Trips
- Jen created a possible rotation (linked above)
- Children's Discovery Museum is way beyond predicted budget (\$12pp vs \$5) - maybe look at the alternatives?
 - Will go with a cheaper alternative

Upcoming Events

- o 8/7 Kinder Picnic 5-7pm on the Blacktop
 - Volunteer(s) needed. Take out chalk, hula hoops from shed
 - Mital and Ulkar to attend
- Kinder Orientation 8/8
- o "Popsicles with the Principal" 8/9 3pm-4pm
 - No teachers
 - Class lists to be posted
 - Uniform Exchange
 - We will share info if people request
- First day morning volunteers to corral parents, lead in students
 - Fifth graders to help with younger students
- Volunteering opportunity 8/2 10am to do library (possibly also Thursday or Friday)
- Kinder Social 8/10 at 1pm
 - Mital leading
- Back to school 8/30 5-6

T-shirt sales

- Go through Konstella
- All pre orders / stock on hand
 - Almost all online
 - Little bit of cash/check will go through the office
 - Alicia will check about how it interfaces with Google Drive, then hit go
- Resurrect Cultural Day?
 - Use a minimum day?

Summary

Action Items

Votes