

Montessori School of Louisville - A Non-Profit Organization
Meeting Minutes Summary

October 12, 2009 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes --- Submitted by James Gregory

In Attendance: Sue Perram, James Gregory, Lori Wendelin, Tim Evans, Robert Chastain, Cynthia Gonzalez, Marcia Kidd, Melissa Ronayne, Robert Buse, Carrie Tilton.

Absent: Neill Myers Caudill

Cynthia opened the meeting for Sue. Bob read the board vision statement:

We, the Montessori School of Louisville Board of Directors, believe Montessori education to be a progressive and evolving understanding of child development. In light of this belief, our policies shall be:

- *Guided by what is best for the child*
- *Fiscally responsible*
- *Environmentally conscious*
- *Leading toward national recognition*
- *Acknowledging responsibility for stewardship in the community*
- *Respectful of religious diversity*

Board Education: Carrie Tilton provided the Board Education with a discussion of Maria Montessori's "Third Plane of Development". Montessori divided education into three planes of six years each, up to the age of 24. Each plane has sub-planes. The 1st and 3rd planes mirror each other. The 3rd plane is the Social Newborn stage, where children are finding their way in society. Carrie recommended a book called From Childhood to Adolescence, that expounds upon the 3rd plane. The pairing academic work with hands on projects is very important at this stage. Children at this age experience radical mood swings and have an enhanced sense of compassion and justice. Children at this age also need more sleep. Carrie also discussed explaining to children of this stage how the economy works through activities that encourage students to earn money and budget appropriately.

Approval of Minutes: Tim motioned for the minutes to be approved from September, with revisions to be made. Robb Chastain seconded. Minutes approved.

Director's Report: Cynthia discussed the upcoming Harvest Festival and the Open House to be held on November 7th. Further discussion was entertained regarding the revision on the current student contract, with copies of the current contract provided to the board for their input at a later occasion.

Finance Committee: Lori provided budgets for July through September of 2009. Two new students have signed up, with one current student moving from half day to full day. School received its first utility bill, dating from 7/30 to 9/30. The bill was lower than expected. Billing now in school's name as of 10/7.

Stock Yard Bank has approved the school for a line of credit and a loan. PNC line of credit to be closed. Lori announced that 38 of our 62 families contributed to the Annual Fund. Lori also introduce the Disney Raffle Ticket drive, with the school purchasing a credit toward a Disney World trip and selling raffle tickets at \$25 per ticket. Goal is to sell between 600 and 1,000 tickets. Fundraising results and future plans were discussed.

Strategic Planning: Went over timeline regarding move into the building. Discussed LG&E bill and when MSL took responsibility for charges.

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Building & Grounds: James is organizing a cleaning crew to help keep the building as clean as possible. Hopes to have first parent “deep clean” on October 23rd with another to follow on November 6th.

New Business: Robb and James reviewing enrollment contract. Tim introduced the idea of MSL serving food and collecting money at the “Wings for Kids” even next July. After some discussion, motion made by James for MSL to participate, Seconded by Robb. Motion carried.

Old Business: Melissa Ronayne accepted the Board’s offer to become a member of the Board. She was approved by acclamation.

James gave an overview on contract enforcement, stating that he was still working with the MSL attorney to settle one outstanding matter. Expected one outstanding matter to be settled within 7 to 10 days.

Sue closed with a poem called When You Thought I Wasn’t Watching..

Motion to adjourn by Sue. Approved by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned.

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