

YACA Board Meeting Minutes
April 17th, 2008
Yinghua Academy
final

Board Members Present

Janine Trutna, Jennifer Daul, Christina Erickson, Deb Volkert, Jean Parish, Julie McCormick

Board Members not Present

Clayton Black, Sandy Doubek, Cindy Moeller

Visiting

Sandy Norris, Ann, Ruth, Kristin, Jo Schifski

Minutes from the March 20th, 2008 Board Meeting

Review of the last month's meeting minutes next month. Ms. Parish made a motion. Ms. Daul seconded. All passed.

Agenda

Ms. McCormick approved with changes. Ms. Daul seconds. All passed.

Standing Reports

Chairs:

Science partnerships:

Ms. Parish will slow down investigation, since Ms. Lien is main contact and soon on maternity leave. Ms. Erickson and Ms. Parish will have a meeting to discuss.

We talked about keeping records for each event and subcommittee to pass along to subsequent member. Maybe the list serve could hold the files?

Secretary: Not in attendance.

Treasurer: Ms. Norris introduced herself and gave some background.

Yinghua School Board Report: Not in attendance.

Subcommittees:

Fundraising

Great Gatherings: Another invitation was sent out for the Danling Cai Great Gathering.

Urban Camp Out: June 6th, will check into legal liabilities and keeping the school out of it.

Blue Sky Guide: Need to sign up by May again. Ms. Daul made a motion to sign up again. Ms. Parish seconded. All approved.

We would like to send out a letter for parents that outline the fundraising for the year. We will ask Betsy if she wants to add any school activities dates. Jean will work on putting the letter together and passing it by Betsy.

July agenda – add looking at fundraising with new committee.

Education: Library day not advertised yet, with clean up day. May offer it as an option to people at the clean up day. Soft ware on the fritz a bit.

Ms. Trutna got approval from Betsy for a parent resource shelf. Ms. Daul can put this in the newsletter. Donations from families for parent resources. Ms. Trutna will look more into Library/Chinese story time once a month during summer.

School and Family Events: Muree Larson Bright will take on for another year, but would like to have a co-person.

Grounds: Clean Up Day: Ms. Volkert got a list from Betsy on what to work on.

Volunteers Coordinator: Betsy would like a volunteer thank you banquet to award library book awards. Ann will help with classroom volunteer coordinator.

Need to add a line in our budget for Miscellaneous Hospitality to cover coffee, etc at meetings, Clean Up Day, etc.

Nominations and Elections: We sent out letter on list serve and by the school (either email or backpack). We have not had any responses, so we are ready for each member to start talking and contacting people they may know who would be interested. Positions open are Secretary, Vice Chair and 2 general. Ms. Erickson makes a motion that we each approach two people. They need to email a 250 or less statement as to why they want to be on the board to Ms. Erickson by April 25th. Ms. Parish seconds motion. All approved.

Look into adding (parent board) after the YACA name, so it's clear to people who we are.

Welcoming New Families: As a group we looked at the script to be read when contacting incoming families. Ms. Erickson will work with Betsy to finalize.

General Membership Meeting: We would like Ms. Moeller to give a school update. Childcare will be provided by Bridget.

- 5:30-6:30 meeting. People running for the board will give a quick speech, dinner will be provided, Sarah Kirkwood is working on the food.
- 5:30-6 Eat
- 6:05 Have candidates speak and then take the vote
- Votes will be counted while Cindy speaks.

YACA meeting will happen after the General Membership meeting.

Ms. McCormick and Ms. Parish will work on childcare check in.

Anyone who can, come early to help for set up.

Table for committee sign ups

Sheet with upcoming dates – could have at the Carnival as well – can be pulled from the calendar

Ms. Parish is working on.

Summer Plans:

- Sunday August 24th for back to school picnic.
- June: Newell Park – Ms. Trutna to email
- July: Reading at school – Ms. Trutna to email

Ms. Daul moved to purchase yearbooks as gifts for the teachers. Ms. Parish seconded. All approved.

Ms. Erickson motioned to adjourn. Ms. Daul seconded. All approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm