



Families of Denison Montessori

Families of Denison Montessori (FDM) February 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: February 13, 2018, 4:15-5pm, Denison Library

Meeting called to order by: Cristina Gonzales @ 4:15pm

Attendance: Kristen Kwasny, Laura Gilsdorf, Caroline Robbins, Angela Robbins, Cristina Gonzales, Halie Gianulis, Sarah Phillips, Kris Green, Wendy Reyes, Ana Petersen, Katy Mattis, Kacey Bennett, Kim Manning

Minutes: 1/23/18 meeting minutes were accepted and approved by the Executive Board.

Principal's Report: given by Kathryn Mattis

*Small Hands Promotion check was received in the amount of \$57. This amount was used for garden equipment.

Officers' Reports

Co-Chair (s): given by Cristina Gonzales

*Andrea Torres wants to have fundraiser night at her family's restaurant; Torres Mexican Food. This would be at the Federal Blvd location. The date that is being offered is 3/12/18 from 4-9pm. FDM will receive 40% of all sales of food and drinks. The Executive Board approved this event. A flyer will need to be created for this event. <http://torresfood.com/>

Treasurer: given by Kris Green

***January Financial Review** – Excel spreadsheet of FDM financials was distributed to all attendees. Transactions were from 8/1/17 through 2/13/18 with an ending account balance of \$6,992.12. A payment was received from Red Apple Recycle and deposited into FDM bank account on 2/13/18. No one knew why we had received this payment. Check was noted as the 2017 Fall Drive.

Committee Reports

Small Hands Promotion Committee: given by Angela Robbins

*Received \$57 for this promotion that went to purchase garden equipment. Due to the lack of quality in the products and low return, the Executive Board agreed to not continue this promotion next year.

The Crafty Fox Committee: given by Laura Gilsdorf

*Prior committee meetings were gone over. Laura would like to be present at the Grandparents/Special Friends Day event this week to advertise the upcoming event. Cristina approved and stated a good setup location would be outside of library in front of the windows. The following will be provided to Laura: table, Denison tablecloth, Denison banner. Laura asked



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to have the Eventbrite website approved so that ticket sales may begin. Approval was granted. She would also like a Facebook post made about the event. Approval was granted. It was asked of Kris to get the PayPal information and lockbox. A suggestion was made to reach out to Denison's art teacher, Jennifer, to do a student art project to the auction.

Illegal Pete's Committee: given by Angela Robbins

*With the approval of Torres Restaurant fundraiser, this event is now to be planned for in April.

Magill's Committee: given by Angela Robbins

*This event brought in \$146.06 to FDM. There was a lot of positive feedback from our community about this event and it was decided to continue this event next year.

Believe Committee: given by Cristina Gonzales

*Pizza parties for the top selling classes will be held on 3/9/18. For future events, food may not be served to students an hour before or an hour after lunch time per a district rule.

Grant Committee: given by n/a

*Red Apple Recycling Grant has been completed and submitted by Morada Petersen.

Grandparents/Special Friends Day Committee: given by Cristina Gonzales

*Volunteers are still needed. Cristina Gonzales, Kris Green, and Kristen Kwasny will be arriving at 8am to setup. Next year FDM will need to look over the RSVPs. Kathryn and Kim were to look into parking options for the event, but no options were available. We are still in need of small plates and orange juice. A slideshow was discussed and going to ask Michael in the library if he can set this up.

World Down Syndrome Day Committee: given by Angela Robbins

*Angela has begun organizing this event. She has spoken with Lisa about socks being made (yellow and blue). A flyer will need to go out stating that students may wear crazy socks, the one's made and sold or their own, on this day for a \$1 fee. All the funds raised on this day will go to Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association. World Down Syndrome day is March 21. <https://www.rmdsa.org/>

Unfinished (Old) Business

***Scholastic Book Fair Donation Box** – The box that was found was from the 2016/2017 school year. Per Cristina, these funds were turned over to Michael in the Library to make purchases.

***Scholastic Book Fair Funds** – Kris brought up that the funds for the 2017/2018 event have yet to be received. Cristina stated she will look into.

***Craft Fox Yoga Status** – It was suggested to see if the yoga studio next to Crafty Fox would be willing to watch kids the night of the Silent Auction. This is not an option.



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*Teacher Donation Vote – FDM discussed how funds raised by the organization would be distributed. There were 3 options first voted on.

1. Same as FDM has done in the past by determining an amount and having that amount deposited into each teachers account to spend as they need.
2. The funds from FDM all go the Kathryn Mattis to use as she sees fit. Kathryn stated FDM could set guidelines on what funds could be used for and how.
3. FDM holds funds in its account and Admin then gives proposals on funds requested to be voted on by the FDM Executive Board.

A vote by the Executive Board was made to go with Option 1. After the vote the discussion continued. Kathryn noted that this year the teachers have received more money in their budgets than ever before, so she was hopeful FDM would pay for the upcoming AMS conference. She noted not all teachers wanted to attend. Discussion was made on fairness for those that didn't attend and what funds would look like for those individuals. Kathryn ended up stating she did not want FDM to put money into teachers accounts now because she felt uncomfortable with the discussion be had. FDM decided that maybe Option 3 was the best option for the organization on distributing funds raised. This would allow FDM to let the community know that we raise money for certain events, training, etc. A new vote was made by the Executive Board and Option 3 was approved. Kathryn and Kim also noted that new chrome books for students and computers for teachers were needing to be purchased. It was stated to have them type up a proposal for FDM so that we may help. It was also determined that the upcoming Silent Auction event would be advertised as raising funds for technology at Denison.

It Takes A Loving Village/Community Night – This event will be run by Kathryn, Kim and Caroline. FDM does not need to do anything for this event.

Thank You for Masseur on 1/29 – Per Cristina a thank you was issued.

Computerized Account System – Kristen stated this could be removed from the table as there was not an interest at this time by the current Treasurer.

Communication within FDM – Kristen asked what the best form of communication within FDM was, as there were emails that were not being responded to by Executive Board. No procedures were made.

Bylaw Review/Changes – The Executive Board approved new Bylaw revisions.

New Business

*Skate City Event – Wendy Reyes mentioned at end of last meeting that there was a new roller skating rink opening on Alameda. She asked details on the current Skate City event that happens annual. She researched both locations and asked Board for more information on when event was wanting to happen. It was noted that early to mid-May is when the even would likely happen. The new roller skating rink would open first weekend of March. Wendy brought information on fundraiser options for Skate City and will talk with new rink to see what they will offer. Cristina stated she would create flyer for Skate City.

*FDM Nominations – Caroline will create a nomination form to go out in Friday Folders.



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*Denison Flyer – Caroline handed out Denison flyers and asked if those in attendance would be willing to post them in our community.

*FDM Website – Caroline asked the Executive Board if they wanted to keep the FDM website or have a page on the Denison website. It was decided to keep the FDM website with links on Denison's page.

Next Meeting Agenda: Torres Fundraiser, Red Apple Recycle Funds Received, Denison Soiree, Illegal Pete's, Believe Pizza Party, Red Apple Recycle Grant, Grandparents/Special Friends Day, World Down Syndrome Day, Scholastic Book Fair Funds, Skate City, FDM Nominations, FDM Website, Antonio Martinez Pickle Making,

Next Meeting is: March 13, 2018 @4:15-5pm in the Denison Library

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:33pm

Minutes compiled by: Kristen Kwasny – Recording Secretary

Attachments: (available upon request)

Excel Bank Transactions (8/1/17 – 2/13/18)

Denison Montessori Flyer

FDM Event Calendar

September	*Spirit Week 9/18: Backwards Day, 9/19 Crazy Day, 9/20 Team Pride, 9/21 PJ Day, 9/22 Denison Pride *Restaurant Fundraiser – Garlic Knot 9/18
October	*Fall Festival 10/21
November	*Scholastic Book Fair 11/13-11/17 *Believe Fundraiser – Due 11/27
December	*Winter Staff Appreciation 12/18 Massages, 12/19 Lunch, 12/20 Cookie Swap *For Small Hands Promotion – Due 12/31/17
January	*Restaurant Fundraiser – Magill's 1/24
February	*Grandparents/Special Friends Day – 2/14
March	*World Down Syndrome Day – 3/21
April	*Restaurant Fundraiser – Illegal Pete's ???? *Butter Braids Fundraiser ???? *Denison Soirée – 4/14
May	*Teacher Appreciation Week 5/7-5/11 *Restaurant Fundraiser – Modern Market???? *Skate City ???? *Scholastic Book Fair BOGO ???