

**MFCCC Parent Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting Notes**  
**March 19, 2009**

Parents in attendance: Patti Pitcher, Amy McLaren, Leah Allison, Jennifer Snavelly, Dori DeWitt

Staff in attendance: Lee Ann Isbell, Julie Harms

Updates from MFCCC Director – Lee Ann Isbell

- *Capital Request for Facility Improvements.* No update.
- *Accreditation (NAEYC).* No update.
- *Staff Development.* Travel & Conference money frozen. However, teachers may still attend if they pay for the training on their own. They can apply for a Professional Development Grant to reimburse them from the Child Care Connection. Lee Ann is assisting teachers with the forms.

Family Night Activities:

- *Spring Supper/Family Night.* **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. The supper will be 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. It should be a great night! We hope everyone will plan to attend. Check it out: [www.macaronisoup.com](http://www.macaronisoup.com).

Parent Steering Committee Fund Balance: **\$9,922.74 as of February 28, 2009.**

- *Note: PSC funds are used to support PSC-sponsored activities, such as those discussed in these minutes. The PSC has also discussed accruing PSC funds to sponsor a larger improvement, such as a Reading Loft in the Common Area or new equipment for Sherwood Forest playground. As funds build, we will solicit ideas and develop a formal long-range plan and budget for the PSC.*

PSC Fundraisers:

- *Dinner-on-the-Go Fundraiser (Lead – Dori) – Zoomerang survey discussed. The group liked the concept and the reviews were supportive, too. Dori will explore cold sandwich type dinners like gondolas from Avanti's or torpedoes from LaGondaoa. Also, chips, soda, and water. The thought is that families are often going to ballgames or other related events right after work and child care, so having sandwiches to go in the summer would be convenient.*
- *Scrip (Leads - Jennifer & Patti) - The trial Scrip event went very well. We received 6 order forms and we raised over \$40. The next center-wide event will run April 6-15. PSC Members will set up a table at Family Night to collect the final orders and educate families about the Scrip Program. Orders will be tallied on April 16; check will be cut/mailed on April 17; FedEx package delivered April 21 or 22; cards sorted April 22 or 23 by PSC volunteers; and cards distributed April 24 by PSC volunteers. Lee Ann will publish fliers and info sheets for distribution to the Center. She will also post a link on the website. Since Scrip is new for us, we are not going to open this up to Methodist employees at this time. However, anyone wanting to take orders from family, friends, and co-workers is welcome to do so provided they also pick up the orders from the Center.*

PSC Activities:

- *Email listserve of Parents.* PSC wants to develop an email listserve to facilitate efficient communication with parents. We may ask teachers to help collect email addresses from all parents. Brooke will check on whether there's a freeware or inexpensive listserve application available on the market. No update.
- *New Family Welcome Packet from the PSC* (Lead - Nicole) – Nicole reported that 11 forms were distributed for the period of 11/1/08-3/31/09. She anticipates delivering packets the week of 3/30/09.

Other Items:

- *Teacher Appreciation Week:* The PSC sponsors and supports the Teacher Appreciation Week. In the past, it was always held during the week of the Spring Program/Graduation which would be May 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Some parents prefer to hold the event during the National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. No decision made. Brooke led Teacher Appreciation Week in the past and has records and surveys. Leah will contact Brooke to help get this started.
- *Spring Program & Kindergarten Graduation.* The event will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. Only the Bubble, Balloon, Rainbow, Sunshine, & Dinosaur children will be performing this year. Teachers and some parents expressed concerns that the Spring Program was not developmentally appropriate for children 2 years of age and younger. The young children often cried and rarely sang. Infants, Teddy Bear, Puppy, Bunny, Honeybee, and Butterfly classrooms will be having a smaller, less formal end of school year celebration with families during May. Talk with the teachers to find out what is happening in your child's classroom.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2009, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

*Notes prepared by Lee Ann Isbell*