



MINUTES

Date | time 1/12/2015 2:15 PM | Meeting called to order by Jan. P

In Attendance

Kolleen M, Jan P (chair), Barbara H. (recorder), Joan O'B C, Laura L (Coordinator), Barb White (volunteer)

Regrets: Phyllis N.,; Shirley Mather (volunteer), Stacey MacNeil (volunteer)

Welcome to Guest: Melanie Grime

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Kolleen M

Second: Barbara H

Approval of Minutes from December, 2014, with minor deletions

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Introduction of Melanie Grime

Registered Health Nutritionist, and parent – proposing to offer a choice of workshops. Past work included employment at Harmony, which led to deeper involvement in nutrition and prevention of illness. She has a strong interest in helping parents feed their kids with healthy foods, good choices.

Workshops are inter-active and can involve children with the parents

Coordinator's Report

- A. 'Ask a Parent' Newspaper Column:
 - a. Signs are positive for getting a column printed this week
 - i. April column should be regarding Alison Schaefer. Kolleen can write that column
 - ii. Publish Shirley's column in March prior to her workshop.
 - b. Family First Supplement – Laura will write an article, for Jan. 19

- B. The Spring 2015 Workshop Schedule:
 - a) Grandparent Connection (Kerry's Place) – Laura will ask if they can make the content applicable to more grandparents, not just those with grandchildren with ASD.
 - b) Lifespan Changes (Kerry's Place): is applicable to any child with special needs
 - c) Anger Parenting & You (Paula Cornish, John Howard) – childcare is provided by the OEYC in Shelburne.

- d) In future, Centre Dufferin is looking for more activities for kids, which is potential for scheduling a parenting workshop at the same time.
- e) Skills for single parents (Susan - Apr. 14) – really has to have childcare.
- f) We need to build a child care team, using high school students. We agree to do a pilot night on April 14. Barb W will look into the legalities for the volunteers and for the age of the children. Jan is willing to be a screened volunteer.
- g) Homework Strategies (Laurie Few): change the title to be broader and address broader success in school. Two different nights, at different schools, would be strategic. Good to do it again in the fall, at the beginning of the school year.
- h) Add to the list of approved workshops:
 - a. Spirited Child – one night intro (Nina and Robin) We pay for this workshop with UW \$. Laura will ask for two nights, rather than one because of the complexity of the issues.
 - b. Communication Workshop – Kolleen
 - c. Melanie – Eating on the Go with Picky Eaters (save Healthy Lunches for the fall)

Strategic Planning

A) Fundraising Efforts

- a) Jungle Oasis Event; Feb. 14, 9:00 – 1:00. First come-first served.
 DuCK will not pay for it. \$500 fee includes 50 slices of pizza we can sell @ \$2. We need \$400 pledged by this Friday or we cancel. Jan has asked for corporate donations from her dentist and Lisa LeBlanc (financial advisor). Melanie will ask her husband (real estate) . Other options to raise funds, sell water (and perhaps juice).
- b) Alyson Schafer Spring Presentation May 6; we still do not have confirmed amount of funding from Amaranth Lions Club (We asked for \$3,200). The total cost for Alyson is \$2,712.. \$1,360 deposit is due as soon as possible. Balance by April 22. It is not a ticketed event, but we can ask for donations at the door. Venue is proposed to be ODSS – Laura will book the room ASAP.
- c) United Way; funding has been approved at the same level as 2014. \$16,200.
- d) Dufferin County application has been submitted. Response will likely be in March.
- e) Honda Grant application – to consider in future

Business Arising

1. Strategic Plan – to be discussed in February
2. Criminal Reference Checks – to be deferred to February

Nexr Meetings

Feb. 9 from 1 to 3 PM at DPSN

Mar 9

Apr 13

May 4- due to PD day for the school/board

June 15- due to PD day for the school/board