

**Ridgeline Community Organization (RCO) Parent Council Meeting
December 1, 2009
Approved Meeting Minutes**

Guest

Ridgeline student Abi Millard requested RCO support for a student toy drive for Children's Relief Nursery starting next week through Dec. 30. RCO approved this request.

Housekeeping

Lisa Namyet requested extending RCO meetings so that they can run from 6:00-8:00 when needed. This will make it possible to accommodate guest speakers. The RCO agreed.

Site Council Report: Jen Hornsby

The site council has completed the school's application for 10 year rechartering.

Presentation on Stand for Children: Jen Wyld

Jen spoke about the ramifications of measures 66 and 67. There is a large potential budget impact for 4J: \$8.5 million. The January 26 election deadline is unusual. Jen requested a yes vote on the measures and seeks volunteers to make phone calls. We are reminded to make sure voter registrations are updated by January 5. Further information will be sent as an attachment via email to RCO attendees.

RCO Financial Update: Emily Naylor

- Total from the Direct Donation Drive: \$11,069.14
- Total from escrip : about \$750
- Albertsons: \$28
- Biosequential: \$35
- GoodSearch: \$150 this year
- Note that Target credit cards will give 1% to the school.
- Reviewed coupon scrip: Unique Eugene. The school gets 10% of face value.

DDD Evaluation: Lisa Namyet

There were 102 donations. Based on 169 families, this is a 60% family participation rate. Discussed what worked well, what could be improved. Discussion on whether to change venue. Discussion of different fundraising approaches. Stephen Wilde talked about his phone research on other Montessori school fundraising. Discussion of fundraising auctions.

Book Fair Results: Emily Naylor

The book fair met its goal, with a total calculated at the time of our meeting of \$2,241; Ridgeline receives \$400 for school book purchases. Discussion of book fair logistics: The book fair seems to be a good match for Ridgeline.

Committee reports

- Cynthia Freidman: **Holiday Market**. There is a booth Dec. 12 & 13. Crafts and booth volunteers requested.
- Cynthia Freidman: **Territorial Seed Sale** starts January 14. Seed orders due Jan 28.

- Tiffany Petry: **New Funds Committee** met. Pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20, 8:00-11:00. \$5 adults. \$3 kids (more than 2 kids free). Plan to invite whole community. Volunteers are requested. Materials will be donated.
- Jen Hornsby: **Community-Building Committee**. Jen described a project to write classroom profiles for the Ridgeline reader. Next deadline is Jan 29.

Board Report: Adrienne Black

The board is open to two new positions. Applications are requested. They are hoping for current parents.

Administration Report: Trish DeJohn

Trish spoke about a reading specialist who offers parent workshops. Is the RCO interested in sponsoring an evening for the Ridgeline community? This would be a 90 minute presentation for parents to struggling readers. Cost is \$200. Discussion: could it be shared with another school, maybe Village? Interested parents can contact Trish.

Volunteer Report: Cynthia Friedman

Stone soup: They are looking for many small soup pots and some giant soup pots. Full propane tanks also needed. Vegetable cutting Monday Dec. 14. Stone Soup Tuesday Dec. 15 at Willard.

Tasks Recorded:

Students from Room 19 will work with Cynthia Friedman to prepare a piece on the toy drive for the Relief Nursery for the next e-News.

Vanessa Youngblood will send an email concerning Measures 66 & 67 to Lisa for inclusion in the next email to RCO attendees.

Karen Fabiano will prepare an email by January 14 designed for family and friends concerning the upcoming Territorial Seed Sale.

Attendees:

Black, Adrienne
 Brinkley, Ben
 Cross, Karen
 DeJohn, Trish
 Fabiano, Karen
 Friedman, Cynthia
 Gerrard, Jen
 Hornsby, Jen
 Namyet, Lisa
 Naylor, Emily
 Petry, Tiffany
 Sofge, Boaz
 Wilde, Stephen
 Wyld, Jen
 Youngblood, Vanessa