

Home Learners Association of CNY

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 27th, 2010

7:12 p.m.

Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting Facilitators: Jenafer Medina and Gretchen Surface, Co-Presidents

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call of Board Members
 1. Jenafer Medina, Steve LePorte, Jessica Montena
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 1. Minutes were approved.
- IV. Open issues
 1. Homeschool Portrait Day
 - a) Friday, September 17th
 - b) Same setup as last year; packages will be posted soon.
 2. Treasurer Update
 - a) Bank balances - \$1259.20 total balance May, \$1020.54 total balance June.
 1. Insurance and website are our largest expenditures, which are both now paid.
 - b) Email Issues
 1. We need an updated list of members' emails. We have a few bouncing emails.
Jessica will check on Kristin Elliot's and Elizabeth Yormick's emails.
 3. Co-op
 - a) Survey Results
 1. 22 responses – 50% of our members' kids are 6, but we've had requests for classes for older kids. We will continue to develop classes for kids aged 5 to 9. Requests for science, foreign languages, art, cooking, and building. For 10 and ups, art and chorus continue to be popular classes. Socialization and supplemental learning were noted as important benefits of co-op.
 - b) Classes Needing Instructors
 1. We need a science class for various age groups, and Jen is considering teaching a math class for the older kids.
 2. We haven't heard from the French teacher, but Erin LePorte is considering teaching

one.

c) Upcoming Classes

1. Classes that we will offer again in the coming year include chorus, art, American Girl, forensics, science, Legos, Spanish, and preschool. New potential classes for next year include math, French, sign language, and new science classes. We also hope to have nursery coverage for each class period. We need volunteers for this, so please consider signing up!
2. Jen is trying very hard to schedule at least two classes for each age group in each of the three class periods at co-op.
3. We're also planning to incorporate a parent-supervised recess period midway through each co-op day. We stress that each child **MUST** be supervised by a parent, as there will be no official co-op supervision by a board member or designated teacher.

d) Miscellany

1. Pizza will be ordered from Cam's each week; cost will be \$6 per person for the entire co-op session.
2. We may not be purchasing a supply cabinet, as St. Michael's is constructing a closet that we will have space in. We will revisit purchasing a cabinet if necessary.

1. Committees

1. Committee Updates

- a) Field Trips – A survey will be going out shortly to gauge interest in upcoming trips so that we can decide which will be most interesting and well-attended.
- b) Parent Support – Gretchen's Parents' Night out at Applebee's in Camillus on July 6th was fun and had a few people attending.
- c) Parties and Special Events – A family kickball game and ice cream social are planned for mid-August. NOT Back to School planning is in the works, as is our booth at the Westcott Street Cultural Fair. Volunteers will be needed for both.
- d) Newsletter – Jen is still working furiously to single-handedly produce a newsletter for August. Please send her any articles if you would like something to be included.

V. Adjournment – 8:42 p.m.