

Home Learners Association of CNY

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 29th, 2010

7:00 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, Gretchen Surface, Steve LePorte, Jessica Montena
 2. Members present – Michelle Shope
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 1. Minutes were approved.
- IV. Open issues
 1. Approval of new memberships
 - a) 3 new memberships approved.
 - b) We have lost some members due to moves, changes in circumstances, and other issues out of our control, but we are also gaining new member families. We haven't been actively recruiting, so our steady growth is a good sign that we are getting our name out there and continuing to be an important resource for homeschooling families.
 2. Treasurer Update
 - a) Bank Account Information
 1. We have a combined balance of over \$1000 between our two accounts at M&T and PayPal. Full information is available from Steve.
 3. Co-op classes
 - a) 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.
 - b) Steve has been in touch with a native French speaker and former homeschooler who teaches classes. We will offer her our standard \$120 class payment and charge \$20 for the classes.
 4. Committees
 1. Committee Updates

- a) Field Trips – Our turnout for Fort Rickey was enough to get us the group rate, but our trip to Roseland was not as well-attended as we had hoped. Jessica will be assembling a list of field trip possibilities for the next 6 months and sending out surveys to members so that they can vote on the one they would like to do each month. The most popular will be chosen. A tentative field trip to the Seneca Lake State Park Sprayground in Geneva is planned for August.
- b) Parent Support – Turnout for the Homeschooling 101 session in June was good. There were lots of good questions asked and answered. Another session is being planned for August; firm date to follow. Gretchen has planned a Parents' Night out at Applebee's in Camillus on July 6th, so r.s.v.p. to her via email if you can make it.
- c) Parties and Special Events – A family kickball game and ice cream social are planned for Friday, July 16th at 6 p.m. at Shove Park in Camillus.
- d) Newsletter – Jen is working furiously to single-handedly produce a newsletter for July. Please send her any articles if you would like something to be included.

2. Committee Participation

- a) It has been difficult at times to get members to participate fully on their committees. We are still considering a tiered-membership structure where members can pay for different levels of membership. We will continue to discuss this and readdress it in the coming months.

5. Google Voice

- a) We now have one number to use when members need to contact us. It has been distributed to the members and they are encouraged to use it. The number is 315-217-1241. Most of the time, calls placed to the number will go directly to voicemail, which will then be emailed and texted to the Board. One of us will respond as needed with 24 hours. When we are out, like at a meeting, field trip, or at co-op, one contact person will be designated and all calls will go to him or her and will be answered directly.

6. Purchases

- a) Jen will buy a large plastic supply cabinet at Lowe's this week as well as a combination lock. We will try to have it stored in the Fellowship Hall so that it is accessible during co-op.
- b) We also plan to buy general supplies such as paper, pens, crayons, and markers that will be for various classes to use during co-op. They will be stored in totes and signed out as

needed.

V. New Business and Questions from Membership

1. None – covered everything!

VI. Adjournment – 8:00 p.m.

1. July meeting scheduled for July 27th at 7 p.m.
2. August meeting scheduled for August 24th at 7 p.m.