

**Minutes for regular CVMS meeting on**  
Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 7pm  
Glacier View School Library

**Presided by:** Britta Neumann

**Attendees:**

Lisa Wilcox	Gail Herman	Pauline Rae
Britta Neumann	Jeanine Fukui	Susan Teasdale
Karen Silvester	Anne Buchanan	

**Called to order at 7:15:**

- ♪ Lisa added an inventory item to New Business on the agenda so Karen motions to adopt & Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ♪ Jeanine has provided amendments to the previous minutes. These are attached separately.
- ♪ Britta moves to adopt amended minutes from December meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa.

**Members' Reports**

- ♪ **President's report (Britta)** - attached in separate file. Britta would like to thank the members who came to participate in the brainstorming and encourages all attendees to contact other members that they know whose children will attend next year and GET THEM INVOLVED.
- ♪ **Membership Report (Gail)** : 1 new member total of 64.
- ♪ **Events report (Natalie's report brought to us by Lisa):** 17<sup>th</sup> of February for Friendship Ball. Britta and Jeanine prefer to have it after registration so that we can have more volunteer participation and use it as a "get to know you" event as well. Lisa suggests deciding after COW meeting and if registration is late again then maybe have Friendship Ball then a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser/get together in May. We will vote online about this and revisit in February.
- ♪ **Purchaser's report (Lisa)** Lisa has been exchanging emails with Tim Seldin re: Tomorrow's Child. Every Montessori school gets a free subscription. If we want additional copies the only discount that applies to us is if every family gets a subscription at \$20 US per family. Lisa proposes that we take the free copy AND the budgeted 40\$ subscription so that we have duplicates and only one copy can be lent out in the library. All are in agreement so Lisa motions to order the subscription and get the free one, Gail 2<sup>nd</sup> s & all are in favour. We will offer the discount subscriptions to the parents come September. Lisa will have the magazines sent to her house – all are in agreement. "Montessori Today" \$20.25, "Montessori from the Start" \$15.35, Mamolina \$16.90, "How to Raise an Amazing Child" is 24\$ US. Lisa will approach the Courtenay public library to see if we they can display some Montessori books in the front prior to registration time.

♪ **Volunteer report (Jeanine).** 9 people attended the brainstorming and (8 adults + 4 child supporters) came to the classroom re-organisation. Good to see the team effort.

♪ **Fundraising report (Pauline)**

	<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>January</b>	Cookbook	Collect recipes from parents & other members Jan-Feb, sort and organize in Feb-Mar, submit in March so have cookbooks available by early June
<b>February</b>	Vesey plant bulbs and seeds	Take orders in Feb and submit by end of Feb to get product asap. 50% profit to CVMS & no shipping costs
<b>March or April</b>	Dance/silent auction	Natalie organizing
<b>May or June</b>	Outdoor activity/family event – Paradise Meadows	Karen Silvester organizing
<b>July or August</b>	Garage sale with focus on children’s toys, clothes, equipment	
<b>August</b>	Entertainment books	Get ordering information out in early September
<b>September</b>	Innesbrook or Snow Days, plus Norcard and/or kids art cards	Get ordering information out in September to ensure delivered well before Christmas
<b>October</b>	Meadowvale	Order in October so receive in plenty of time for Christmas
<b>November</b>	Craftopia or another similar event?	
<b>December</b>	Relax!	

♪ Primary immediate focus is on Cook Books. Pauline will draft a letter requesting recipes, quotes, stories and pictures from parents. English Bay Cookie dough for Feb & Mar (Valentine and Easter). Another Walk-a-thon is a great idea but Pauline doesn’t want to organise it. Karen suggests Lake Helen McKenzie/Paradise Meadows. Karen will organise this and hire a park ranger. July/August Garage sale again with a focus on kids stuff, silk flowers and NO JUNK THAT NO ONE WANTS (ground rules to be stated prior to event). September Innesbrook/Norcard to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school. Entertainment books were a bigger money maker so we’ll do those again in September. Pauline will email Gail a calendar of events to post on the website.

### **Unfinished Business**

- ♪ Tabled the Centenary until next meeting.
- ♪ Tabled the Montessori Blueprint in order to focus on COW presentation.
- ♪ Jeanine submitted a handout for each of us to go over and bring revisions to bring to Britta's house on Saturday at noon for final draft then Sunday afternoon at Jeanine's and Monday evening at Lisa's if required.
- ♪ Configuration for 2007 – our ideal is to have the new class be straight K because the balance of children coming in with experience in the prepared environment is quite low. We will increase PR in hopes of enrolling LOTS of kindies for 2007. Alan Douglas has recommended to Britta: waiting list only for 1,2 & registration for Kindergarten.
- ♪ Budget – we will combine the #'s for the materials. Britta reviewed the budget outline. An additional Grace and Courtesy fund was suggested to be added at \$75 - Jeanine feels the yet unnamed grace and courtesy fund is unnecessary – we will vote on it at the February meeting.

### **New Business**

- ♪ Susan wonders if reminders are sent to the general mailing list. As they ARE on a regular basis, discussion resulted in a decision to phone AND email to remind the membership about COW and Feb CVMS meetings. Phone list will be split between several people. Gail will send email that will be drafted by Britta.
- ♪ Jeanine will investigate the new account at the Coastal Community Credit Union to see if we can get a better rate on our banking after Jan. 16.
- ♪ Gail will have all email addresses and the board of directors page removed from the website at Jeanine's request due mostly to after discussion initiated by Jeanine about potential privacy issues and the fact that we don't need board info for "filler" any longer. The website email contacts will be reduced to only one [info@cvmontessori.com](mailto:info@cvmontessori.com) and it will be directed to an email address set up for the President to retrieve and disseminate.
- ♪ Much discussion surrounding a broken material item by a sibling who visited the classroom. A letter was drafted and will be used as a back-up by Anne who will be speaking to the party in question. We will implement a "you break it, you buy it" policy to be discussed further at the next meeting. The decision was made to pursue recovery of funds to replace the broken item from the parent in question and make the recommendation that they please supervise the child when present in the classroom to prevent further breakage.

**Adjourned at 9:40**