Center for Young Children
PTA meeting
December 11, 2013

President Eric Haag called to order at 5:54pm

Book Fair
- Jenny Lang and Jill Campbell Dougherty (co-chairs)
- A big thank you to all volunteer and for making purchases
- Still finalizing numbers
- We think we did better than last year even with the loss of a day due to weather

Staff/Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Friday, December 13th
- During Parent/Teacher conferences
- Debasmita Patra (chair)
- Overwhelming requests to help out!
- Set up begins at 7:15 (breakfast) and 11:30am (lunch)
- Please put up a sign to label your dish

7th Annual winter sing along with Mr. M
- December 18th after school lets out at 3:30pm
- Please leave your stuff and your kids’ stuff in the classrooms. The sing along will be active!
- Should last about ½ hour

Family Night Out - Fundraiser and social event
- January 14th
- Franklin’s in Hyattsville
- No flier needed – just say you are with the CYC
- 20% of food or sales from the store
- Super Hero theme
- Franklin’s is a big donor for the silent auction

Silent Auction
- Saturday, May 3rd
- Emails have been sent out with the wrong date – please make sure you have the 3rd on your calendar!
- Trina Bowen (chair)
- Sally DeLeon as agreed to be food and music coordinator
- It is at adult event with food, cocktails and music. Please invite family and friends
- Probably going to be at Mulligan’s again
- Local donors as well as parents and faculty
- More volunteers are still needed – can be done mostly on your own time
- There is an abundance of people and local business who have donated before that can be reached out to again
- Best donations come from the parents – beer making session, dress making, etc.
- Work will begin in January
- Onsite volunteers for set up and clean-up will be needed as well
- Email with questions or comments to cycsilentauction@gmail.com
- Eric is willing to haggle about service points to get help for this event
- Theme is forthcoming...

“Donor Scheming”
- How can we increase our donations?
  - Idea from friend of Eric’s who is also a PTA president - raffle for cash
    - Could be an easy thing to lead up to the silent auction or tied to another big event
    - Maryland Day is not an option as we cannot sell anything on that day
    - It is legal in the state of MD but we need to check to make sure the University is okay with it.
    - We will address this at our next meeting
- Contact CYC alum
  - There is a list on the computer (Jennifer’s)
  - They could be invited to the silent auction
- Behave like a preschooler/shave your head and raise money
- CYC swag – t-shirts, water bottles, etc.
  - cafepress.com online - Dept of Pysch built an online store

Holidays gifts
- Many rooms are creating holidays gifts for teachers and staff
- If your room is not already doing this please consider it
- It is a lovely token to show our teachers and aides how much we appreciate them
- Room reps are coming up with a plan for the floating teachers

ROOM REPORTS

Purple room – Michaela Denaro (teacher)
- Fish
- Campus creek visit and caught minnows
- Parent visits – marine biologist, dolphin expert
- Field trip to Baltimore Aquarium
- Study ends with mural of aquarium experience

Orange room – Kim
- Trains
- Field trip to the B&O Train museum, Riverdale Marc station, College Park metro
- Planning a trip to Union Station

**Blue room – Jennifer**
- Playground
- Visited 4 playgrounds
- Landscape architect visited to talk about how they are designed and built
- Simple machines on playgrounds – wheels, axel, levers
- Research groups – slide measuring, slide timing, surveying
- Friction experiment – brick wrapped with different materials on a slide
- Marble runs
- Literacy – letters to Ms. Hersh and her new baby

**Green room – Patrick**
- Bread
- Working with kitchen tools - mortar and pestles, etc
- Read different versions of Little Red Hen and Gingerbread Man
- Field trip to Panera bread where they baked baguettes and chocolate chip cookies
- Kids have voted to make pancakes, croissant and baguettes in class
- Visit from parents to study Hanukah and flower plating

**Red room – Kate**
- Fire Fighters
- Fire truck visit, learned how to use a fire extinguisher
- Field trip to College Park fire department
- Building a fire truck in dramatic play
- Kate’s child has been doing random fire safety checks at home

**Yellow room – Johanna**
- Dogs
- Creating a veterinarian clinic in dramatic play
- 10 dogs have visited. 2 service dogs – police dog, search and rescue dog
- Chart created comparing all the dogs
- Field trip to PetSmart and Vet’s office
- Puppy Palozza field trip in the union
- The children learned about the holidays of Hanukah and Diwali by parents

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**Presentations from Anne Daniel, Assistant Director for CYC**
- Book Drive – so successful that they’re still figuring out how to pick them up. Hopefully will start some children towards a love of books!
• Women’s Basketball on Saturday, December 14th – 200 tickets available. Tours are available before the game. Will be distributed Thursday and Friday.
• “Connect the Dots” dance troupe to present Nutcracker on Friday, December 20th. Please be on time, the show begins at 9:30am. Donation box will be available in the front to collect wrapped presents for children in the hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.