

## CYC PTA Minutes – May 6, 2009

Attendees: CYC Families, CYC Faculty & Staff, and CYC PTA

Kisha welcomed everyone.

Fran presented the Director's update. She shared information about the institute which was recently facilitated by CYC faculty & staff. Fran shared highlights from the CYC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which was held during Maryland Day. Fran thanked the CYC community for their responsiveness and support during the recent concerns around the H1N1 virus. She reminded us that all children must wash their hands when they arrive at the CYC in the mornings.

Jovan Swann presented an update about our upcoming silent auction fundraiser. The International Dinner and Silent Auction will be from 4-7pm on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Jovan thanked everyone for their donations for the auction. She thanked the teachers for their classroom contributions to the auction. Auction catalog will be available in PDF format a few days before the auction. You must bid at the silent auction. The silent auction bidding will end at 6pm. Winning bids can be paid with cash or a check made out to the CYC PTA. Her e-mail address is [jswann@umd.edu](mailto:jswann@umd.edu). There is a \$5 cost per family for the event.

Sabrina shared an update about the International Dinner. She thanked everyone for signing up for food dishes and for volunteering. We still need some volunteers to assist with decorating. We also need someone who will serve as a back-up grill master and someone who would like to provide entertainment. We are also looking for someone to do face painting. Food donations should be brought one hour early and volunteers should arrive two hours early. This event is rain or shine.

Anne gave an update on the t-shirt sales. We made about \$500 from this fundraiser.

Blue Room children shared information about how much money they have raised for their service project which is a donation of money and goods to an orphanage in Kenya and a soup kitchen in Prince George's County. \$83.03 has been raised for the orphanage. \$75.07 has been raised for the soup kitchen. They will be taking a fieldtrip to Target to make purchases for the soup kitchen and orphanage. The blue room thanked those who attended their FNO fundraiser at Applebees last week. The turn out was large. They will host another FNO at Mama Lucia's in College Park on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-10pm as an additional fundraiser.

Natasha, our fall Public Health Intern, put together a digital CD of ~2000 digital images of CYC children. We are trying to put the photos on a secure website for CYC families to purchase. The website will be password protected and only available for a short amount of time for purchase. We are still trying to sort out how this will work to ensure consent from all families. Additional discussion was had about how we might facilitate this process. Sabrina suggested that we print thumbnails of each of the photos and then families can go through the book to select the ones they are interested in purchasing and request removal of their child's photo. Volunteers came forward to print the thumbnails of each of the images. The PTA will be exploring the feasibility of this project/fundraiser before the year ends.

Mr. M. announced the CYC CD 2009 with a song. Several Blue Room children assisted with this presentation. Mr. M. has a limited number of CDs available for purchase for \$10 per CD. All proceeds go to support the CYC music program. In keeping with 'going green' the CD's cover has been printed on recycled/biodegradable paper with no plastic covering and the CDs can be recycled if the need arises (i.e. scratched, downloaded to MP3 or Ipod)

Monique thanked everyone for volunteering to bring dishes for the teacher appreciation potluck luncheon.

Anne Marie shared information on the Families Reads program. This has been one of the highest semesters of participation for the program. Anne Marie thanked Anne Daniel for all of her work with this program. We gathered feedback and are looking for some bi-lingual books and books that represent our diverse population. Anne Marie shared some ideas from the survey which was conducted about the program. Bookmarks may be coming out at the end of the year for everyone. We are looking for a Families Reads program coordinator for next year. Anne thanked Anne Marie for her work with the program.

Sabrina shared information about the Family Night Out program. There are several tentative restaurants/dates including May 26th at Qdobo's and possible FNO at Outback, Carolina Kitchen or Olive Garden during the 2nd week in June.

Diana shared information about our CYC financials. She reviewed our financial statement. We are awaiting payments from several of the Family Night Out programs. Our goal is to raise \$3500 at the Silent Auction this year – this is our largest fundraiser of the year.

The Red Room is studying babies and planning a field trip. The Red Room is donating a wooden trunk full of art supplies for the silent auction.

The Orange Room is studying rescuers. They went on a field trip to MFRI and have had several visits from experts. As a culminating project, they are assembling first aid kits. They also have a butterfly habitat.

The Yellow Room is studying pets. They have had visits from pets – dogs, frogs, guinea pigs, rabbits, birds, toads, etc. They are really enjoying this study.

The Green Room is studying rescue vehicles. They visited several types of rescue vehicles. Now they are studying taking care of themselves and their classroom. They decorated a box for the silent auction.

The Blue Room has finished their electricity study. They had a terrific parent presentation. They are now studying cartography. They are also receiving postcards from around the world. They are putting together a basket for Summer Vacation Travel for the silent auction.

The Purple Room is studying rocks and crystals. They have taken two field trips. The children have been growing different types of crystals in the classroom. They thanked their purple room teachers.

Denise thanked everyone for supporting the PTA meetings and events this year. She also acknowledged the coordinators for many of the events. She also solicited interest in several PTA positions for next year. We need a bookfair coordinator, a Co-President, a Treasurer Intern, fall picnic coordinator, and a Secretary. Monique will continue as the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon coordinator.

Kisha thanked the teachers and staff for all of their hardwork and support. Kisha adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.