

## Minutes of the November 11, 2007 FCC-NW Board Meeting

### Held at the Home of Amy Thorsen

#### Members Present:

- Amy Thorsen
- Melissa Bramble
- Tian Kisch
- Iris Okimoto-Nielsen
- Lara Peterson
- Joe Rockne
- Julia Tombari

#### Members Absent:

- Carlene Camera
- Paul Camera
- Lynne Fuller
- Betsy Matias
- Toni McChesney
- Laurie Robinson

The meeting was opened at 4:15 p.m. by President Lara Peterson. The minutes from the September 16, 2007 meeting were read and approved as written.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

No report was given as there is no change to financial accounts at this time.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### Membership:

No report was given as Lynne and Toni were absent from the meeting.

##### Waiting Children:

No report was given as Toni was absent from the meeting.

##### E-News:

Amy reminded fellow board members that submissions are welcome for ongoing e-news.

##### Newsletter:

No report was given as Carlene and Toni were absent from the meeting.

Lara has a family available to write an article about attachment disorder. She will contact them for the next newsletter.

Web site:

No report was given as Paul was absent from the meeting.

Community Outreach/PR:

No report given as Becky this is currently an open board position.

**Reports on Finished Events:**

October and November 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Dinners:

Amy reported that the October dinner at Pabla was fairly well attended by board members but only one non-board family. She also reported that the November dinner at Shallots Asian Bistro was not well attended with only one board family and one non-board family.

Moon Festival Dinners:

The Phiney Ridge/Greenwood dinner had about a dozen families and the hosts considered it a good turnout.

Lara reported that she had approximately 40 people and had a great time. To get this turnout, she did personally invite FCC families in her immediate Bellevue area (using the directory).

Melissa reported that while she and her family had a wonderful time visiting with the Cameras, her dinner was a bust with a few cancelations and no shows.

The group discussed how to handle Moon Festival dinners in the future, more like the Portland FCC. The group agreed that we should host the dinner at a restaurant with a pre-arranged menu and have members purchase tickets in advance. Thoughts include having moon cakes in the center of each table and a goody bag for each child. We could also try to program some entertainment, i.e. dance, talent show, karaoke, etc.

Location ideas include:

- Schezuan Chef in Bellevue
- Great Wall
- Shallots in Belltown
- Shanghi Garden in Issaquah
- Jeem – possibly for dim sum

**Unfinished Business:**

Chinese New Year 2008:

Lara distributed the Organization Plan for CNY document, which is in the Files/CNY section on the yahoo group.

**Eckstein Middle School** is confirmed for **Sunday, February 10**.

Committee Assignments are as follows:

- Chairperson: Lara with assistance from Julia
- Treasurer: Joe
- Registration and Membership: Lynne and Amy
- Entertainment and Performers: Carlene with assistance from Tian
- Vendors : Carolyn Brenner
- Games: Stacy Choi
- Crafts: Melissa
- Refreshments: Iris and Lynne
- Rental Equipment: Joe
- Set up/Clean up: All

Any board member not assigned to a committee should contact Lara to get assigned.

Lara reminded all board members that we need to bring our walkie talkies the day of the event.

Lotus has offered to sponsor the CNY event in exchange for recognition. Discussion followed. The group decided to move forward and formalize sponsorship opportunities for FCC events.

- **Action:** Amy will draft a reusable form that spells out what a sponsorship entails for each type of event and what FCC will offer in exchange – public recognition at the event and thanks in newsletter and on Web site.

The group also discussed using the money received in sponsorship for charitable contribution. Amy voiced opposition to sending money directly to orphanages. The group agreed, but would like to support charitable organizations doing work in China.

Tian and Julia will work together with Iris to program an older kid's room at CNY. They will send out separate invites to the 50 + older kids in the db.

We need to confirm with Carlene and Paul that they have secured the coffee donation from Starbucks.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Dinners:

Dates as follows:

- December 2, 2007 – Eastside – Betsy Matias – Shanghai Garden (Issaquah)
- January 6, 2008 – Eastside – Paul
- No February date due to CNY
- March 2, 2008 – North – Robin & Colleen
- April 6, 2008 – Westside
- May 4, 2008 – South -- Lara – Great Wall Mall
- June 1, 2008 – Eastside – Lynne
- No July date due to Heritage Camp
- August 3, 2008 – North – Melissa
- September 7, 2008 – Westside -- Carlene

Brunch, dim sum, and earlier start times (4:00) were all suggested to help with low turnout, which the group attributes to busy back-to-school schedules.

#### Ice Skating:

The schedule is as follows:

- November 18 – Highland Ice Arena – Kathy Smith (dinner to follow)
- January – Older Kids only (6<sup>th</sup> grade +) – Iris
- March – Castle Ice -- Laurie

#### Sensory Symposium:

Lara is working with Drs. Glass and Bledsoe on new dates. Shooting for mid- to late May.

#### New Business:

Tian and Julia suggested a few ideas to get older kids back involved with FCC.

- Puberty class for girls at Children's Hospital – We discussed sponsoring this for our Moms and daughters. When is the next class? What is the cost? Tian and Julia will look into this.
- The girls would like to begin investigating the possibility of coordinating a heritage/volunteer trip to China.
- Tian and Julia are working together to come up with other ideas that would be of interest to our older kids.

#### Misc. Business:

#### Open Board Positions:

- Replacing Becky Davie's position through end of 2008
- Vacant 2009 term position
- Four vacant 2010 term positions (Betsy, Toni, Iris) – Anyone interested in refilling?

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- January 13 – Carlene
- March 2 – Lara (This meeting will include new Board members)

For future meetings, the group agreed that the host will coordinate the potluck.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bramble  
Secretary