

## **PTP Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2019**

**Drafter: Sam Jack (PTP Secretary)**

**Director's report** (*Mona Leigh Guha*) Ms. Guha welcomed families and noted that hearing screenings will be available next week. Additional screenings (speech and vision) will be offered in subsequent weeks.

### **PTP (Parent Teacher Partnership)**

**Welcome Address** (Jackie Kautzer - President) PTP meetings are designed to give everyone a chance to come together as a community and hear what's going on at the CYC and in each classroom. The PTP serves as a liaison to the CYC administration and communicates important updates to families. All parents are encouraged to participate and contribute ideas for programs or events.

**Introduction of Officers:** Megan Simpson (Vice President); Sam Jack (Secretary) and Erin Hogan (Treasurer) gave introductions and brief summaries of their positions.

**Budget Report** (Erin Hogan): The PTP has an approximately \$6,000 annual budget, which is raised largely from the major fundraisers (e.g., last year's event at Art Works Now). The PTP uses funds to provide mid-year and end-of-year gifts and funds special projects. The PTP has an estimated \$16,000 in savings, and is soliciting ideas for using some of these funds.

**PTP Board of Directors** (Evan McDonald): The PTP Board of Directors's role includes overseeing the business of the PTP, submitting annual tax filings, and running the annual PTP elections. There may be openings on the Board if parents are interested in participating.

**Historian** (Erin Janulis): The CYC collects materials from events (electronic records or paper documents) so that people who follow in the footsteps of those events can do things more easily and know what is expected or what worked or didn't work.

**Major Fundraising** (Tai Tsang, Ruby Sabina): Tai and Ruby encouraged parents to come forward with creative ideas for fundraising activities. They are looking to build upon last year's successful event at Art Works Now (including the ticket sales, silent/live auctions, etc.). An additional 1-2 volunteers are needed.

**Fall Welcome Picnic** (Jenny Kilberg): The Fall Welcome Picnic will be held Saturday, October 26, 11am-2pm. See email with details and a link to RSVP for the potluck. Mr. M will be performing around 12pm. Families are invited to bring a pumpkin for decorating. The organizers will also have arts and crafts and are looking for creative ideas.

**Book Fair** (Lisa Hathaway (Jackie providing report)): The book fair will be in the Great Room,

starting Thursday, 12/5 and concluding on 12/11. The book fair will be open on the parent-teacher conference day (12/6) when CYC is otherwise closed. Lisa will start soliciting volunteers in November. The PTP profited approximately \$900 from last year's fair.

**Teachers Luncheon** (Margaret Bereano): Teacher appreciation breakfasts and luncheons will be held on the parent-teacher conference days in Fall and Spring. These will be potluck style and volunteers will be needed.

**Family Night Out** (Stacy Siegel (Jackie providing report)): The next Family Night Out will be at MOD Pizza in Riverdale Park on October 4, 2019. It will be all day (10am-10pm). All proceeds will go to CYC. Just say "CYC" when purchasing. MOD Pizza has salads and is good for kids. The PTP made \$139 at the last Family Night Out and is a great way for the PTP to raise funds.

**Green Committee** (Vera Weist / Craig Beatty): Ms. Weist discussed the Trash-Free Tuesday tradition. The kids seem to enjoy the green efforts. Ms. Weist is working with them on composting now. Families were asked to bring their own reusable plates for the Fall Welcome Picnic. If 25 people bring their own plates, every classroom will receive a subscription to Ranger Rick, Jr. magazine. Parents were invited to contact Ms. Weist with any questions about the green committee. Please take care of the Earth!

**Music Program** (*Mr. M*) – This is Mr. M's 13th year at CYC. He is at the CYC twice a week, including a weekly, focused session with each class. The Winter Family Sing-a-Long will be on December 18th at 4:30pm in the Great Room. The Family Dance will be May 28, 2020 at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The children will know all of the songs. Mr. M also invited families to attend his album release party on October 12th the Old Parish House.

**Family Reads Program** (Anne Daniel/Susan Miller): The Family Reads Program started in 2003. Approximately seven books are offered per semester. Upon finishing a book, children are asked to sign-up on the board, so that Ms. Daniel knows to visit the child to give them a punch on their card and a pom-pom. A large percentage (85-90%) of families typically participate in Families Read. Ms. Daniel discussed the books that will be available this semester. She will send out flyers with more information about the program and the books for this semester. She noted that the "Crayon Man" is an optional book (won't be on punch cards)

**Classroom Updates:** **Red** (Lenea Stocker): The Red Room is decorating wooden figurines, including putting eyes and clothing on them. They are discussing their study, which might be trains-related. **Orange** (Susan Miller): The children have been sharing family photos and discussing how families are different. They are practicing voting and graphing responses. The children will vote on the study. **Yellow** (Hillary Sazama): The Yellow Room is getting a classroom pet, in addition to their various, nameless fish. The class is looking at friendships and developing senses. **Green** (Christina Jack): The children read the classroom's version of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" They are studying different types of trash and learning about taking care of the school. The Green Room is also discussing emotions. **Blue**

(Tian Tian): Tian is new to the CYC community and shared how excited she is to become part of the community. **Purple** (Tim Peterson (for Patricia Bory)): The room has been working on getting to know everyone and discussing routines. They are learning about “skills” and polling children on their preferences.

**Final Reminder:** CYC has an Amazon "Smile" account, which can be activated by designating CYC when you purchase something on Amazon. CYC then receives some percentage of the purchase. There is a link to the Smile account on the CYC PTP website. An email will be circulated reminding families of this.