

**Children's Kiva Montessori School - PTO Meeting**  
**September 13, 2016 5:15-6:30 P.M. Children's House on Empire**

**I. Welcome/Introductions:** Angie Seeley, PTO President

**II. PTO Vision-** The Children's Kiva Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) serves as a liaison between parents, teachers, staff and the Board of Directors, with the goal of enriching the Kiva community. The PTO strives to create a welcoming atmosphere for families to engage more deeply in their children's education by providing a forum sharing ideas and by sponsoring opportunities for family involvement.

**III. Reports**

**A. President**

1. Welcome
2. Election of PTO officer positions:
  - a) Dena Thomason - President
  - b) Rebecca Samulski - Vice President
  - c) Sabrina Giesler - Volunteer Director
  - d) Angie Seeley - Treasurer
  - e) Open – Secretary **Alex Prime volunteered to run for Secretary. Each PTO officer elect introduced themselves and why they were interested in serving on the PTO. A ballot was passed and all candidates were approved. We would like to acknowledge the outgoing PTO officers for their tremendous work over the past few years.**

**B. Treasurer**

1. Checkbook balance is \$2,579.31 at September 2016, of that amount \$1,850.86 is available for distribution, remaining is for PTO outreach activities. Monthly reports are available from PTO treasurer.
2. PTO distributions - PTO fundraisers such as yard sale build funds that are available for distribution. Teachers/admin can request funds for activities (field trips, classroom supplies, etc.). PTO officers review/approve prior to bringing to vote by PTO members at PTO meeting. PTO officers can approve up to \$50 without member vote.
3. Brooke Snyder has requested \$90 for double sided music staff dry erase boards. Vote. **Angie further explained that students at CKMC have music class four times per week, especially in the upper elementary. A motion was made to approve the request, which was seconded, and approved. Brooke also asked to keep an eye out for a used clarinet.**

**C. Yard Sale Update** **Becca Samulski** as offered to organizing the fall yard sale again this year. It will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Children's House Montessori Preschool and Kindergarten (CH). There will be plenty of opportunities for volunteering with the yard sale, so keep an eye out for the volunteer sign-up sheets. Donated items may be dropped off at the CH on Thursday or Friday. We will not have use of the storage shed this year, so bring items to the front play area. CKMS has offered to loan tables for the event again. Becca is seeking individuals or families to take on special activities such as a lemon aide stand, arts and crafts or a Navajo Taco sale to supplement the fundraiser. Valerina, a grandmother of a child at CH, suggested making it a meal package including a drink and dessert (cookie) and showed possible interest in running the booth. The PTO will cover the expenses of purchasing ingredients and supplies for the sale. Families can help by making a batch of cookies or baked goods for the sale.

**D. Volunteer Director** **Stacy W** gave her final report as volunteer coordinator. Thanks Stacy for doing such a great job!

1. Currently in need of room coordinators - all classrooms both schools.
2. E/M S Morning drop off. The time has changed to 7:30 to 7:45, we still have 2 mornings a week we need help and a back-up if possible
3. E/M S assistance during lunch from 11:00 - 12:00 daily please bring your lunch and enjoy some time with your child. **Contact Ms Susan, if you are available to help**
4. We would like help on Mondays and Fridays from 1-3 to assist teachers with copying, laminating, and cutting.
5. See Kiva Kids and CH communications for volunteer opportunities
6. Volunteer training with Rob Lee

Rob Lee gave a wonderful presentation, "What is Montessori" that outlined the significant role Maria Montessori has made in history as well as the philosophy and tenants of Montessori education and how it differs from traditional educational methods. He also touched upon what we as parents can do to support our children and our teachers through the learning process. For more details please see the attached notes he provided.

**IV. Community Forum**-We love to hear what parents (guardians/staff etc.) are thinking please don't hesitate to share celebrations, comments, suggestions, questions or concerns! It is your participation that makes this organization great! We respectfully ask that these items be limited to 5 min, if you would like more time please request your items be placed on the agenda and we will be happy to accommodate you!  
**In lieu of the special presentation by Rob Lee, no community forum comments were given**

**V. Director's Corner** **In Lieu of Presentation by Rob Lee, no Director up-dates were given.**

- A. Susan Likes - E/M S Head of School
- B. Alexia Hudson - CH Executive Director

**VI. Other Activities**

Mentor program - Angie Seeley is coordinating this and currently connecting mentor and mentored families. If you have questions feel free to contact [kivapto@gmail.com](mailto:kivapto@gmail.com)

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