

PTO Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Children's Kiva Montessori School & Children's House
Monday, December 5, 2016
5:30-6:30 P.M.
@ Kiva Montessori Charter School, Beech Street, Cortez

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 for sharing ideas and by sponsoring opportunities for family involvement.

Welcome/Introductions: Dena Thomason, PTO President

Present: Susan Likes, Alex Prime, Dena, Ms. Paula, Tamia Hurst, Ms Susan Lucas, Rebecca Milholland , Margaret, Schmaltz, Cayce Hammerschlag

Treasurer

Checkbook balance is \$3,770.34, of that amount \$2,936.76 is available for distribution, remaining is for PTO outreach activities.

Money Disbursement Requests – Children's House requested three iTunes Gift Cards for \$50/each to purchase Apps for iPads in the three classrooms. Total \$150.
PTO officers voted to approve

Volunteer Director (Sabrina was sick and not able to attend)

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

Parent/ Teacher lunches: **Volunteers still needed all EVERY DAY FOR BOTH LUNCH periods at E/MS 11:30 - 12:30 daily, please bring your lunch and enjoy some time with your child. If there is a particular day you can volunteer please contact Susan Likes. Or if there is a random day works too. Call or show up if you are available.**

Currently in need of room coordinators - all classrooms Kiva Charter

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

Laminating, and Cutting classroom materials: We would like help on Mondays and Fridays from 1-3 to assist teachers with copying

PTO will repost these volunteer needs in the newsletter

Updates

Veterans Day Parade Veterans really enjoyed receiving cards from the Kiva kids. John Shriner will be coming this week to give a flag presentation.

Parade of Lights

Need to have more communication beforehand to get more families involved and notes sent home and some planning for a theme. Need a more visible Kiva banner and something to hand out that represents CKMS-- bookmarks - KISSES were good though.

Stone Soup - Thanks to all the families who were able to help with making soups, transport, serve, set-up and clean up for the event.

Need a PA system to make announcements and to be heard.

Donations were collected for the Bridge Shelter food drive and for the Diaper Drive at Pinon Project.

Approximately 200 attended

More hands to volunteer making soups and outdoor stoves would help

Get middle school students involved actually making soups at the Annex incorporated into curriculum

Consider having a cooking club that leads up to the event and/or a chef from the community to help teach how to make different types of soup.

Winter Program: At the Cortez Montezuma High School next Tuesday, December 13 5:30 potluck, program begins 6:15ish. EMS Students will be performing. Ask the Children's House families to attend and check with Ms. Brooke if she CH will be caroling on the 15th at pick up time, in the back yard. Families are welcome to attend..

Gift ideas for teachers and volunteers for Holidays

PTO is giving each teacher/ volunteer a card and candy cane as a small token of appreciation for all their work and dedication.

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!

Fundraiser idea: pick a night and have people go to Cold Stone and they donate 10%-15% to Children's House. Other restaurants on Restaurant Row will do that kind of donation too. We would need to look into the logistics/ legality of fundraising for the charter since it's part of the district.

Parent's Night Out-- where volunteers watch kiva kids and parents pay for the child care in order to go out to dinner or a movie.

Susan Lucas mentioned that they might plan on around Valentine's Day. Susan Lucas said that she was willing to help organize it. Possibly some older Middle School students could help babysit.

Alex will look into the flourless chocolate Torte from Pie Maker as a fundraiser-- she will check with Shama and the Pie Maker

Director's Corner

Alexia Hudson - Children's House Executive Director

Susan Likes - Kiva Montessori Charter School Director

Next Meeting: School starts back on January 3rd, so we have elected to skip holding a January Meeting