

PARENTHOOD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – In Person and via zoom

Welcome Announcement:

-Sisterhood luncheon coming up December 4th. More details coming in future emails

- Brotherhood event tomorrow September 15 at Schaefer Campus at 6:30pm. Tickets may still be available. Tailgate theme with a tasting menu created by a private chef

D'Var Torah for this month – completed by Traci Benedon and read by Jen Somers

Marisa Spiro, Vice President of the ELC

- Reminded everyone that the High Holidays are coming up and since we are all members of the synagogue, we are welcome to attend services. Tickets required for the main service, but no tickets required for the family service at FAU at 2pm.
- This led to discussion and questions regarding the ages of the service for families and the timeframe its taking place.
- The service is geared toward children 5 and under. Some parents voiced the request for a different time since 2pm is naptime for most children.
- Feedback was also provided from many parents with an interest in bringing back the childcare during High Holiday services, so parents can attend the main service without their young children.

Ronni Graf, Director of the ELC

- Looking for volunteers to help with the Giving Tree organization. They provide clothing, furniture, household items, etc. to the local community for those who need. Email Ronni if interested.
- The 2 Eagle Scout mud kitchens have been installed and are currently being used already in the big backyard. If anyone has any old kitchen items (pots, pans, spice makers, etc.) to add to the mud kitchen, you can bring them in. The kids are enjoying the new mud kitchens!
- We are planning some Parent Workshops around the topics of Loose Parts and Mindfulness with Miss Jen. Stay tuned for more details
- Due to the current Education Crisis with teachers, we are also experiencing staffing issues. We are thrilled to report over the last month, we have hired and are onboarding some new teachers that are fantastic. But we will not compromise on the rigorous hiring process we require so the teachers hired will still be of the highest quality. Please be patient while this is in the works.

Traci Benedon, President – not present. Jen Somers shared the information below.

- Our Committee Meetings will be starting soon. Keep a lookout for an email with invites.

- We will also be creating shared drives with information and plans to help each committee be successful

Jen Somers, Vice President –

- The first Family Fun Day meeting took place and we are working on getting sponsors. If anyone has any interest or knows of someone who may want to sponsor, please connect with Jen Somers.

Dani Lessman, Treasurer

- Just a reminder to register for Parenthood if you haven't already. An Ice Cream Party will be given to the first classroom with the highest amount of registrations.
- "Girl's Night Out" is Thursday, September 22 at Prezzo. Last day to register is September 19
- "Guy's Night Out" is at Ganzo and will be a Sushi/Sake tasting. Thursday night football will be on the TVs for them. This event will take place on October 27th and registration will close on October 24.
- Parents Night Out will be December 1st. Keep an eye out for more details to come!

Room Parent Coordinator, Morgan Bove

- Sent an initial email to all room parents
- Whats App groups have been created for all classes.
- Teachers have completed their 'Favorite Things' forms
- The Friday following each meeting, the information will be passed along to the Room Parent Coordinators so they have the info they need to share with parents.

Social Action, Casey Levin

- Still in the beginning planning stages. Had the first meeting and are beginning to gather ideas
- The Giving Tree is opening up a workshop location behind Old Navy on Glades Rd. There will be a lot of opportunity to get ELC Parents involved and more information will come.

Book Club date is Saturday, September 17

- The author Dara Horn is presenting to the Schaeffer Campus. We are meeting for dinner at 6pm at Louis Bossi prior to the event. All are welcome to join
- Stay tuned for the date and book title for the October book club

Sam Barhai, Administrator

- Spring Semester of 'Mommy & Me' will be opening for registration on October 10th and will be filled very fast! There is a group for ages 12-18 months and a group for 18-24 months.
- Reminder we also have 'Grow with Me' with Tammi Stein on Mondays for younger babies.

Good & Welfare

- There is a mixer for Jewish young professionals- this Sunday, September 18th for happy hour at Tap 42 at 4:00pm.