

PA Minutes 9/14/2023 5:00PM

Combined in person with Zoom, childcare provided by Ruby (Thank you!)

- I. Andrea opened the meeting with introductions with parents and grandmother representing Preschool, PreK, Kindergarten, and 2nd/3rd grade. Ms. Christi and Mr. B were also present.
- II. Room Parents Check-in:
 - a. Everyone has initiated contact with the respective teachers and parents.
 - b. The room parents are using various methods depending on their group to stay in contact with the teacher and the parents (text, email, combination).
- III. Field trip T-shirts will be ordered soon. They will be lime green sport fabric tees for all youth sizes, and toddler sizes will be lime green cotton tees.
- IV. Pizza Monday is coming! Alicja Baxter and Heather Miltenberger will be distributing the pizza. We still have a few slots open for volunteers to distribute the pizza.
- V. Katie Horst is leading the yearbook effort again this year (YAY!). Submit all photos to her by mid-April, sooner if possible. Please do NOT text Katie the photos, but use Google Photos (preferred), Google Drive, email, etc. The class pictures will be taken in the fall so we can include those in the yearbook this year.
- VI. Volunteers are needed for our events this year. Please sign up if you are able using our [SignUpGenius](#).
 - a. The PA needs a Reporter for this year. If you are interested, please reach out to any of the PA officers or use the SignUpGenius. We want to thank Wanda McBride for taking notes during this meeting.
 - b. We need a driver for the shuttle bus for Grandparents' Day in November. If you know someone willing to assist here, please let a member of the PA or Christi know. We also need at least one more volunteer to help set up a reception before Chapel.
 - c. We have a good group of volunteers for the Gingerbread Workshop in December, but we need more to help with setup and cleanup.
 - d. We also need about 6 more volunteers for the Holiday Shop in December.
- VII. Social events
 - a. We are holding a playgroup at the VSDB playground on September 23 at 10 a.m. If you are interested, a group may then walk together to the Harry Potter festival happening that day in downtown Staunton.
 - b. It was discussed to have Anna's House take part in the Harry Potter event. Since it is so close, we suggest planning on a space and activity for next year. Christi will reach out to Trinity Church and ask if they are willing to let us set out some of our pamphlets during their pancake breakfast event. For the next year, an idea was brought up to fashion some dragonflies in Harry Potter fashion with old keys. Sara McGill who joined on Zoom emailed she has made a similar craft fair before, so will follow up with her on that idea.
 - c. The Halloween costume parade, scarecrow fashion show, and Parents' coffee will be held on October 31 this year. Parents are invited to drop their kids off in costume and gather for a coffee social. Then we will make our way to line up and pass out candy to the kids as the entire school shows off their costumes! Preschool and PreK classes will

have their candy pre-sorted and passed out at the end of the day by their teachers.
More information will come!

- d. Grandparents' Day – a suggestion was made to open the Chapel performance to everyone so parents can also see their children perform, to which everyone agreed. This will be held on the morning of November 16. More details to come!

VIII. Upcoming Fundraising events

- a. Gingerbread Workshop is Friday, December 1. This is held after school and has been a huge hit for all. A suggestion was made to move the Christmas tree to the cafeteria for this event so parents will have an opportunity to view it.
- b. The Holiday Shop is on Friday, December 8. This event will be during the school day and will be assisting kids with choosing items, taking payment, wrapping gifts, setting up, and cleaning up.

IX. Other items

- a. The PA website has been updated! Please head over to <https://www.annashouseschool.org/parents-association.html> for all the information on our upcoming events, the SignUpGenius link for volunteer signups, and other information. Thank you, Christi, for updating this for the PA!
- b. Teacher wish lists
 - i. The teachers do not have individual lists on the Anna's House Amazon account. Christi and Katie will be looking into a way to identify wish items by teacher so we can distribute that link.
 - ii. Preschool/PreK are looking at creating a natural play area in their new location. This will be full of music-making fun and other sensory play that will be shared with VSDB. In addition, Christi is looking into obtaining more log seating for a second outdoor classroom location at the lower school. The requirements of VSDB are the items cannot be permanent (must be easily moved).
 - iii. Preschool/PreK are also wishing for a shed on wheels.
 - iv. The upper school teachers are wishing for 3-4 picnic tables to be put on the balcony area. They have found some that are foldable at \$200/each.