



*Approved Minutes*

**TEMPO – Tempe Montessori Parents Organization**

January 21, 2010 Meeting

In Attendance were:

Libby Spanovich – Secretary  
Jodi Jones – Fundraising  
Ada Jaime – Director/Elementary Teacher  
Monica Reyes  
Laura Rowley  
Lauren Bolar – Office Manager  
Amber Velasquez – Vice President  
Rosolee Gonzalez  
Shaina Thompson  
Karam Chatha  
Lisa Fuller  
Jason Rowley

Dale Ross - President  
Ted Jones - Treasurer  
Charch Donepufi  
Jill Smith  
Mitch and Meghan Vasin  
Larry Alexander  
Antonio Ramirez  
Suk Ong - Daniel  
Tanya Daniels  
Rachel Streiff – Tax Credit Specialist  
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- Call to Order – Dale at 5:03m
- Approve December 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes
- Ted on Treasurer's Report: Balance in account is \$4,309.00
  - \$38.00 Pizza Cost: Approved
  - + \$77.43 Tax Credit's through Credit Card Machine
  - + \$24.97 Escript Deposit
  - + 18.00 You Promise
- Fundraising – Jodi
  - Escript (safeway, electronic recycling) - \$24.97 from September. Escript is paid monthly
  - Fresh and Easy we earned \$189 from collecting receipts. October 2009 Shop Night we earned \$247.45. This Spring we will get a check for \$436.45
  - Submission of Box Tops we got \$61.80. Our goal was \$500. Please keep bringing in these. We can get playground equipment or other things the school needs with this.
  - We have been contacted by Leukemia and Lymphomas Program. They asked us to do a collection box. Penny's for Patients for a 3 week run starting in February 2010.
  - Is anyone in favor in assembling a grant writing team? Yes
  - Grant Writing Team: Laura Rowley, Meghan Vasin, and Jodi Jones**
  - Jodi found a Grant on Gardening and it's by Welch's, due February 1<sup>st</sup>. The grant prize is \$250-\$1,000 to go towards a garden!
  - Rosolee Gonzalez: Caution, you need to brainstorm what your needs are first. Make sure you only go after what you need. Don't change your needs based on what the grant says they need to be.
  - Laura Rowley: It's a full time job
  - Jill Smith: Pampers and Huggies have a point system that can be donated to TEMPO as well. Will look into this.
- Auction 2010 Dale: Need to meet in the next 2 weeks and get a good overview of what we need to do to get this accomplished.
  - Auction Committee: TEMPO Board, Meghan Vasin, Laura Rowley**
- Tax Credit Overview by Rachel: We earned somewhere in the ballpark of \$65k. Good News, about half of it is general funds. We are using \$14k will cover the Spring Elementary Tuition Increase

- **Tax Credit Scholarship Committee Formation: Lauren Bolar, Libby Spanovich, Jill Smith, and Laura Rowley**
- Events at TMS – Ada
  - Ada is doing a double role as elementary teacher and director. We need to keep this dual role working. If someone isn't satisfied, please address immediately with Ms. Ada. This choice was made for many reasons. We want to build a solid elementary program and this can't be done without the TMS community support. Thank You all.
  - We will be reaching out to get parent help in the classroom to give the students some new works such as handwork, sewing, cooking, knitting, ceramics, etc. We are building a Bi-lingual environment in the Elementary classroom. We are even doing a Julia Chiel's Cooking in Espanol. Starting at 6 years old, we are having the primary students visit, one at a time, to see and work in the elementary classroom. Because of the new changes, Lauren is taking on a lot to help balance this all out.
- Laura Rowley? Do you need help answering phones or other volunteer help? Offered to help organize this. Answer: Lauren and Ada will have a meeting this Saturday and will determine what we can and need help with.
- The Toddler program is booming and we even have a waiting list. Primary clas has 2 very stron leaders and it is growing. The Elementary class has 1 new student/family. This gives the Elementary class a total of 9 students. Please keep referring. Dale Ross asked for brochures to hand out. Ada said she will get them out and available. We now have 69 students enrolled.
- Ada has done a comparison with other Montessori schools to see a side by side layout of fees/tuition/costs. We lowered our tuition when other schools didn't. For new parents coming in they will pay the higher tuition rate for Spring 2010. For a loyalty, our exiting enrolled families will pay the old rate. But the tuition rate will be the higher rate for all after this Spring Semester. We will have a material fee for 2010/2011 school year. The range of this fee for other schools is \$450-800. The tuition increase will be just enough to make sure we are sustainable.
- Laura Rowley? We need to get a wish list going for each class. Designate a class parent leader who can get this information.
- **Parent Wish List Leaders: Ms. Cindy – Libby; Ms. Laura – Laura; Ms. Smita – Laura; Ms. Maula – Shaina; Ms. Ada – Amber**
- Open Discussion – None
- Adjournment – Dale call to vote, Libby seconded the movement at 6:15pm