

FCC LI Board Meeting 3/19/10

Present: Mande Zapken, Jayne Hirsch, Paul Hellman, Barbara Fishchthal, Jennifer Wilson-Pines, KateDlugozima, Andrew and Barbara Kressel, Missy Kenny-Corron and Sheila Shea

Chinese New Year

- Beth, Lisa and Missy did fantastic job
- CNY- raised \$648 from raffles- will go to orphanage assistance: LWB and Amity
- Received full grant from FCC-Greater NY to cover cost of cultural events-\$1433
- Will have made \$1000+ for our organization after all is calculated
- Will have \$2800 in our checking account after all is said and done (\$648 to go to orphanage assistance- from raffle)
- Workshops were biggest cost-\$1200
- 150 people came
- Activities great- Kids enjoyed lion dance
- Maybe space too large/spread out? Maybe move vendors upstairs?
- This may be our last free year at Wang Center...Maybe we need to consider new venue.

Men's Group

We've had good response from members interested in going to Ducks baseball game.

Ducks require that we give estimate of number of tickets. We have 6 weeks to return unused tickets, so we have to time this right- don't want to get stuck having to pay for unused tickets.

Sunday games seem best- start at 5:05

Friday won't work due to traffic and inability of people to get there in time, due to work.

Ducks will make up flier for us.

Tickets are mostly \$10 each, some are \$11 (depending on which seating area we get). Estimate attendance of 50 people.

Youth group

April 17th is the Youth Group's next event- game night. Will be organized, as the kids don't mingle enough unless events are structured.

Had friendship event- Kids made friendship bracelets and signed each other's books to get to know each other- books included each kid's favorite things, etc.

Ice skating- had a lot of no-shows. Was fun, but not much mingling.

Dumpling making day- was fantastic. Kids had great time. About 20 kids came (some brought friends).

Activity ideas: Maybe in June- beach day

Winter activity idea- making mittens to send over to China

Special needs/ older child support group (Sheila Shea present)- This group needs to have representative at Advisory Board. Out of fairness to everyone, all committee chairs and advisory board members need to attend advisory board meetings.

-February 27- last meeting- about 20 people came. Some new people, some people considering sn adoption, and some "seasoned" parents.

-This group is growing as more people are adopting special needs children.

-Special needs meetings are held every other month.

Education

Little Chefs in Syosset will do dumpling making activity for us. Older kids will make dumplings and chicken and broccoli. Cost will be 19.95 per child. Will do craft and ribbon dance. Little ones will make almond paste cookies. Possible Friday nights- April 23, 30 and May 7th at 6:30 pm. Will include child's age on registration so we know how to divvy up group. Limited to 25 kids.

Also discussed:

- Maybe we should look into place that is more centrally located for meetings, or meetings in general- Huntington Hilton Hotel? The Kressels have a connection here- know the general manager- will ask. Or maybe other hotel- we can offer them endorsement in exchange for room.

-We should put aside percentage of our account into a financial assistance fund, since Greater NY FCC does not reimburse money for financial aid for events- we don't want anyone to ever not be able to come to one of our events due to cost

-Idea for activities to do as a group-Maybe a lifebook group?

- Next big upcoming event for 2010: Picnic

-Idea to get more volunteers for future events- If you volunteer, you can get a discount on admission, or 1 free ticket (cap at 15 volunteers, for example)

-If you are chairing a committee, you need to stay until end of event to help with cleanup.

-Money in Chinese school account- need to discuss with Danielle what will happen with these funds if school doesn't reopen by September- maybe use it for Education events within our group

-FCC- Greater NY will grant membership money for financial aid if you cannot afford membership

Homecoming/ decorating:

Will have two sets of decorations- 1 for Nassau (Jennifer Wilson-Pines in charge of this), 1 for Suffolk (Jayne Hirsch will keep these)

Lending Library:

Kate will once a month post to List-Serv to remind FCC members of the lending library.

Fundraising-

Cookbook idea is a no-go. This fundraiser won't work- need to sell many many books to make any money.

Will maybe do calendar fundraiser via Shutterfly or similar?

Upcoming meetings:

May 21 is our next meeting and then September meeting will be vote