

Parent Guild Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

- **Attendees:** Mary Manning, Megan Modica, David Hines, Jr., Jenn Bartleman, Jennifer Crane, Wendy Manning, Leesa Elkins, Sarah Karolski

Agenda

I. Welcome

All parents with a student enrolled at Four Corners Montessori Academy are welcome to be a member of the FCMA Parent Guild. There is no application or formal registration process. Simply start attending our monthly meetings and let us know how you would like to get involved.

II. What is Parent Guild?

A parent volunteer group that facilitates community building within FCMA. We raise funds for events that foster community connections and to support the learning environment. With your child's enrollment, you are a full member of the Parent Guild.

There are a lot of ways to get involved. Parents are encouraged to join one of the following Parent Guild teams:

- Native Garden and Habitat/Michigan Green Schools
- Fundraising
- Community Building
- Classroom Support

Native Garden and Habitat

Regular maintenance of the FCMA natural habitat, certified garden of native Michigan plants

Green School Committee

Organize endangered animal sponsorship, voting, navigate, document, and maintain the criteria for FCMA's Green School Status, Recycling-organize the parents/student-driven recycling program at FCMA.

Fundraising

Brainstorm ideas for future fundraising, maintain current active and passive fundraising events, such as the Fun Run and the used clothing drive.

Community Building

Brainstorm ideas for future community building, maintain current community building events such as the school dances and potluck dinners.

Communications

Maintain bulletin board in the main foyer with current flyers and calendar events. Minutes for Monthly meetings. Facebook pages, as well as post links for signups, and manage Parent Guild website.

Class Liason

The main source for communication and information for classroom liasons.

III. Online presences

Website: fcmarentguild.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/496202288401994](https://www.facebook.com/groups/496202288401994)

IV. Past Events

- Teacher Appreciation
- 2020 Fun Run: \$9035 (\$7922.01 profit)
- 2019 Fun Run: \$14, 297 (all profit due to sponsors)
- 2018 Fun Run: \$8, 310 (\$5,581 profit)
- 2017 Fun Run: \$5,848 (\$3,087 profit)

V. Future Events

- a) Fun Run: **Thursday, September 30, 2021** Mary Manning (Lead)
- b) FR Incentive- Superstars (\$100)
- c) Harvest Fest (Jenny C, Sarah K, Wendy Manning)
- d) Skate Night #2

VI. Fundraising

- a) 501c3- need to set up Amazon Smile account (Leesa)
- b) Box Tops
- c) Toyology- credit towards in-store purchase. When anyone checks out and mentions Four Corners Montessori, 20% of their total purchase goes back to the school, in store credit.
- d) Kroger- Last school year deposits \$807.84, \$187.39, \$171.55, \$157.00

VII. Parent Guild Lead Positions 2021-2022

- Parent Guild Leads: Mary Manning/Megan Modica
- Finance Lead: Jenny Crane
- Fundraising: Leesa Elkins/David Hines, Jr.
- Communications: Wendy Manning
- Native Garden: Jenny Bartleman
- Community Building: Open
- Classroom Liason: Sarah Karolski

Please send an email to: fcmaparentguild@gmail.com if you have any questions.

- Updates on Fun Run sponsors: not all have completed payment yet, Fundraising committee members will follow-up with them
- We will not be purchasing the pedometers like we did last year. They broke easily and were not worth the cost.
- Stacey is working on approving the Fun Run t-shirt designs
- **T-shirts will not be done in time** for the ***Fun Run*** this **Thursday, September 30, 2021**. *Students are asked to wear last year's shirts to the event. 2021 Fun Run t-shirts will be passed along at a later date.*
- Megan will check if our school lunch provider can provide fruit for the Fun Run snack table. If they can't assist, David will check with a grocery store.
- Harvest Fest leads- Jenny, Sarah and Wendy have volunteered
- Still need Community Building Lead(s)
- We had 208 skaters at our first skate night in September 2021

- Harvest Fest ideas: Trunk or Treat (sign-up needed to limit parking spots), Pumpkins, Food trucks, decorate your own bag, DJ, games
- Harvest Fest committee will meet separately to discuss more ideas, etc.
- We need to make sure we follow Montessori and FCMA school rules: no raffles, hay, competitions
- **Harvest Fest** date and time: **Friday, October 22 – 6:30pm-8:30pm**
- Parent Guild meeting days- Wendy will put yard signs out on school property (both sides) on day of meetings to remind parents
- Vote to move meetings from Tuesdays to Wednesday. Passed.

Next meeting: (Wednesdays) October 20, 2021

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85705672854?pwd=bTlrQVNsTTRHR0ZRY3Znc1V1WVhyUT09>