

APC Meeting Notes 12/5

Attended by:

Julie Letowski (notetaker)
Amy Thompson
Kari Luehman
Betty Wyman
Jessica Wheeler
Tina Lipmanowicz
Suzanne Balbo Towle
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Freeman Zausner
Jody Spanglet
Rebekah Smith (facilitator)
Sarah Troutman
Mary Middleton
Judith Soleil
Rebecca Jacobs

Last week we had another lively and productive meeting of the APC. We discussed the success of recently implemented initiatives, scheduled upcoming meetings, and looked to the future for ways we can cultivate a nourishing and thriving community on campus. Please see the meeting notes to learn a bit about our plans for the 100th birthday celebration of Waldorf education, some venue changes for spring events, important upcoming dates, and more! The APC is open to all parents in the Ashwood community and we would be thrilled to welcome more voices into the discussion. If there is an event or initiative that you would like to work on or suggest, please let us know. Also please consider attending our next meeting on January 22 from 8:30 to 10:00.

Upcoming Dates of Importance

-December 15, 10 a.m.: faculty will be performing "The Shepherd's Play" for about an hour– get a ticket now. Tickets are free but limited due to fire code.

-December 17, 4-6, Tina Lipmanowicz's house: potluck, and small "give one, take one" gift swap. Bring something (unwrapped) that is non-essential in your home (books, soaps, small gifts/stocking stuffers) but that someone else might love.

-January 22, 8:30-10*, in room 7000 (downstairs classroom): APC meeting (generate list of topics to cover in "Waldorf 101" portion of meetings, 1/2 hour school budget presentation.

-March 5 8:30-10*, in the conference room: APC meeting, agenda to be determined, we will hopefully be welcoming a faculty member into the meeting for a brief presentation.

*We were unable to schedule an evening APC meeting for the next two dates. Because of low turnout at past evening presentations, it was requested that we host a small budget presentation at our January APC meeting in the morning. At the March meeting we will hopefully be hosting one of Ashwood's teachers who will give a presentation on some aspect of Waldorf education and it was determined that evenings are quite difficult for the faculty. Thank you for understanding.

Updates on Items Discussed at Last Meeting

Sarah Troutman –

- coffee before assembly is going well, creating a great atmosphere when everyone is milling about between drop off and the start of assembly. Judith can send out schedule of assemblies so that we can sign up to help with coffee on mornings when Sarah won't be staying.
- clothing swap went well but it was very quiet, for next clothing swap put it on sandwich board, consider getting another sandwich board for up at EC

-Jessica Wheeler – great potluck, great turnout; faculty lunch happening next week – 5-6 class taking care of it

-Kari Luehman – still in talks with Meg Chittenden to bring a singing class to Ashwood. Judith is going to put Meg's songbook in the *Leaflet*.

New Topics

-What can we do for a spring event?

- Katherine Hopkins, master Waldorf teacher, what she might be willing to offer as an evening / afternoon workshop when she comes back in March.
- Sarah and Freeman-** both mentioned a program on NPR about putting off social media use/screens until 8th grade ("**Wait 'til Eighth**"); perhaps there are resources in the program notes
 - Social Media Workshop** –Jody will reach out to SASSM
 - Judith – we should encourage a movement behind the "Wait 'til Eighth" idea, would be a great thing to associate with Ashwood. Judith will do the legwork.

-Betty – it used to be a part of the PCC meetings that we would have a specific subject (math, handwork, language arts, etc.), a teacher would join us and give a brief presentation. It was a great way to learn more about the school and what was going on, how are children are learning, etc.

- Judith- Jody is a very experienced teacher, we could have part of the APC meeting be a sort of Waldorf 101
- Jody- if we would like to invite the teachers, morning meetings would work much better

Jody- -Upcoming venue changes:

- Graduation is no longer at the Strom because it's too busy a time of year for the Strom; we will be at the Rockport Opera House
- 8th grade project night normally held at the Rockport Elementary School but now there's an afterschool program that goes a bit later and there's too little time for Ashwood to get in; it will be at John Street Church
- 8th grade play likely moving to the Rockport Opera house
- Music night will be combined with the Serve-A-Thon pizza night- March

- more of a coffeehouse sort of feel, less pressure on kids
-Ashwood received its New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation, the accreditation report is available to read
-Every year the board likes to do a budget meeting where a presentation on the structuring of the budget is presented – request for the APC to host the budget meeting at our January meeting to help with low turnout in the past.

Betty- how are we going to handle the APC budget, who's handling money?
-money is raised through CLYNK, May Faire cakewalk, Ashwood store
-**Kari:** what about a small committee to deal with finances as events come up

-**Tina:** keep conversation about whether or not we need a treasurer on the table

-**Judith--**needs help putting up posters for the Revels, and also future events; visit Judith if you are able to tack up a few fliers at local businesses you frequent
-100th anniversary for Waldorf education September 19, 2019
-postcard project- blank postcards going around to Waldorf schools, students are drawing on them, sending them to Waldorf schools around the world
-alumni initiative
-community-wide project (themes: bees and the importance of beekeeping, trees): possibly screen *Queen of the Sun* film, host a perma-blitz