



Verein der Eltern und Freunde der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.
Society of Parents & Friends of the John F. Kennedy School Berlin e.V.
Deutsch-Amerikanische Schule / German-American School – Berlin

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**Minutes Verein Meeting
Mai 23th 2013, 7.00 – 9.40 pm**

JFKS, Teltower Damm 87 -93, 14167 Berlin, room GR 117

Susanne Volkmer, Katharine Doeringer, Susanne Vogel-Küntzle, Birgit Parr, James Bell, Dagmar Hoppe,
Tony Vörös Laszlo, Isolde Streit,
Kimberley Schneiderei,
excused: Marion Greeves, Jennifer Guethoff, Darla Nickels, Leah Hecker, Bettina Moegelin, Joe Kelly
guests: Frau J. Voss, Anna Küntzle
minutes: Susanne Vogel-Küntzle

The chairperson Susanne Volkmer opens the meeting at 7.13 pm.

1. Approval of agenda

additions: - decision on request from Hr. Schmidtke, Generationsbrücke
- farewell gift Joe Kelly?
- Abi-Ball
- VEREIN letterhead

additional requests: - Fr. Schlicht asks 60€ for trip to Anne-Frank-Zentrum

A decision on the MAE workers is necessary (Hr.Schulze's request at last meeting), so topic 5 will be dealt with following topic 3.

2. Approval of minutes from Board Meeting April 23th, 2013

- approved

3. Requests

» History teacher Fr. Voss and student Anna Küntzle present a newly founded group at the school that represents the network "Schule ohne Rassismus - Schule mit Courage". Supported by the administration they want to raise and sustain awareness on racism, bullying and any other kind of discrimination. The network was founded in 1988 in Belgium and introduced in Germany in 1995, today there are groups in Austria, the Netherlands, Spain, Denmark and the USA.

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If 70% of the school body sign a three-point resolution against discrimination (teacher's signatures for classes EC to 4) the school will get a badge and can call itself a school without racism.

To reach that goal and make the network known among the students Fr. Voss and her group plan various activities, they ask for a support of **120 €** to buy cloth bags and for **50 €** (OBI account) to buy paint.

> **approved** unanimously

Please mention VEREIN as sponsor!

(S.V.-K. will write to Fr. Voss)

» Kimberley Schneidereit is helping the administration with organizing a party for the ES on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of J.F. Kennedy's "Berlin speech". Every student should receive some free give-aways (balloons, buttons), photos with a cardboard Kennedy will be possible, hamburgers will be for sale, donuts and drinks are being sponsored. Costs: max. **600 €**

> **approved** unanimously

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» German teacher Fr. Schlicht is going to visit the Anne-Frank-Zentrum with her 8th graders. The students are paying 3 € admission and will take part in a workshop that costs an additional **60 €** for which Fr. Schlicht is asking the VEREIN's help.

(S.V. will write to Fr. Schlicht)

> **approved** unanimously

VEREIN asks Fr. Schlicht to inform parents about the VEREIN's support.

» decision on Hr. Schmidtke's request to support the end-of-year party for the project Generationsbrücke (see minutes 2013-04-23): VEREIN will pay a share of **300 €** and asks to be mentioned as sponsor.

> **approved** unanimously

(D. Hoppe will write to Hr. Schmidtke)

» Mr. Kelly is leaving the school at the end of the school year. He has always been very supportive of the VEREIN and has never missed an occasion to mention the importance of being a member, which we are very grateful for.

B. Piplat will look for a farewell present of up to **50 €**.

> **approved** unanimously

5. Update on MAE workers

D. Hoppe, J.Bell and T. Vörös Laszlo gathered additional information on Hr. Schulze's requests (see minutes 2013-04-23) which show that the costs for the VEREIN are higher than initially stated by Hr. Schulze:

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a) VEREIN can officially take over responsibility for MAE workers (currently only Herr Werner). Costs for the VEREIN: some additional hours/year (25€/h) for bookkeeper Sonia Weese. With a power of attorney Herr Schulze will do all the administrative work.

b) VEREIN can officially take over responsibility for three FAV workers (possibility for older and disabled people, 2 year contract). Costs for the VEREIN: 1325 € / year. With a power of attorney Herr Schulze will handle administration.

c) Fr. Kuehn wants an increase of her workload and her salary which would leave the VEREIN with a payment of 621 € / month. But: she is getting 200 € Übungsl.pausch. anyway and the Trust Fund would continue supporting her with 450 € / month.
-> no extra costs for the VEREIN.

The following discussion shows clearly that the VEREIN doesn't want to get involved in financial acrobatics and takes on the responsibilities only with legal advice of a pro. The results of the discussion are:

ad 1.) VEREIN will raise Hr. Werner's salary from 175 € to 200 € / month (increase of "Übungsleiterpauschale"), extra work for the VEREIN will be paid extra, gratifications of any kind will stay discretionary decisions of the VEREIN. Power of attorney for Hr. Schulze has to be specified. Any changes to these agreements or to Hr. Werner's contract, or any new contract have to be discussed with the VEREIN.

> approved unanimously

ad 2.) VEREIN will take over for the next two years. Any changes to the contracts or any new contract have to be discussed with the VEREIN. Power of attorney for Hr. Schulze has to be specified.

> approved unanimously

ad 3.) VEREIN will wait for the decision of the Trust Fund. **> postponed**

4. Projects for FUN RUN money

Dagmar Hoppe presents a list with possible projects to be (co-)financed with the money collected through Fun Run. A brainstorming shows that four projects have the most support:

- school ground gardening
- acoustic sail in HS
- chill out area in HS
- school owned t-shirts for sport teams

6. Miscellaneous

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- change of banks

Postbank has become too expensive especially when it comes to problems with

automatic payment. Treasurer Birgit Parr and bookkeeper Sonia Weese have again checked the alternatives and are suggesting either GLS or DKB Potsdam, both internet banks. A new bank account (at first to be used for automatic payments) should be established as soon as possible because in 2014 the new SEPA system will be introduced. The present bank account can be kept up parallel for a while.

The board asks Birgit and Sonia to check the possibility of cash deposits (important for the shop and various fund raising activities) and then leaves the decision about a new bank up to them.

- Abi-Ball (prom)

President Susanne Volkmer had several phone calls from senior class students/parents asking a.o. to take over the responsibility for a 25.000 € contract (signed by students) and for financial support of the Abi ball. **> denied** unanimously
Abi ball is not a school event, VEREIN has got nothing to do with it.

- Whenever some written info and/or notification goes out from the VEREIN to the parents the official VEREIN letterhead should be used.

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