

**Minutes Verein Meeting
October 29nd 2014, 7.00 – 10.25 pm**

JFKS, Teltower Damm 87 -93, 14167 Berlin, Hausmeisterwohnung

Susanne Volkmer, Katharine Doeringer, Klaus Hentges, Susanne Vogel-Küntzle, Marion Greeves, Dagmar Hoppe, James Bell, Tony László Vörös, Isolde Streit, Vinh Pram-Beinhold (10 voting members present, Katharine and Tony left before the vote, Katharine left behind her decisions in written), Andrea Komes, Kimberley Schneidereit, Leah Hecker, Klaus Stein, Herr Roth,
guests: Al Cota (IT), Brad Klein (IT), Susan Brown (PC), Thando Tilman, Marion Patt, Rudi v. Kleist, Christine Heidbrink (SC), Philipp Sonnenschein (PC)

minutes: Susanne Vogel-Küntzle

The chair Susanne Volkmer opens the meeting at 7.10 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

additions: - Requests: Student Art Show (Jemina Watstein)
JFKS Jewish AG (Vanessa Hansen)
JFKS meets a scientist (Mr. Slosarek)
Muckraker withdraws its request

- Miscellaneous: fix upcoming meeting dates

2. Approval of minutes from board meeting September 22nd, 2014

- approved

3. Meet the new IT teachers

IT teachers Al Cota (ES) and Brad Klein (HS) introduce themselves and talk about their work in the computer labs.

According to Herrn Roth both of them are doing a great job of tidying up and reorganizing the labs.

They are requesting **500 €** from the OBI account for various things (plastic totes, safety goggles, tool kits, voltage meter, cordless screwdriver, a.o.) to optimize their working conditions and improve the safety standards. > **approved unanimously**

In order to raise security standards they are in the process of tagging all equipment but do not think that Kensington locks are a feasible device for such a big number of computers. The best solution would be a monitoring camera installed in the labs.

4. Requests

► Art teacher Jemina Wastein has registered the JFKS for the "International Schools Arts Award" and paid the registration fee of **50 €** out of her own pocket, she is asking for reimbursement.

There have been some flaws in her process of requesting the money but the VERIN does not want to discourage her.

> **approved**
(7 in favour, 2 against)

James Bell will write to all teachers (through Mr. Pothen) to remind them of the correct request procedure.

► Vanessa Hansen is heading a Jewish AG at the school and has received a 1,500 € donation from the Springer foundation for her work. The AG is open for students from grades 6, 9 and 10. There is a very ambitious program but only a few children are taking part so far. Vanessa is asking for **4 mugs** from the shop to give away as presents to guest speakers or the like

> **approved**
(5 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention)

► Science teacher Mr Slosarek is running a program "JFKS meets a scientist" and sometimes has quite well-known scientists as guest speakers.

He is asking for **6-8 mugs** as gifts for the guests and for **up to 20 €** to be able to offer some cookies.

> **approved unanimously**

► EC Bauabend requested **250 €** as every year. Since it is a recurring cost, it was **approved** by the presidents and treasurer between meetings.

5. Committee Reports

PR/Fundraising

The big success of Fun Day was only possible with many dedicated helping hands and a great organization - a big Thank You to the whole team!

In January there is another Thank-You reception planned for Fun Day helpers and sponsors similar to last January's event.

The Fun Day team is not happy with the presentation of the event in the Parent Newsletter, to their opinion it looks as if it was an also-ran.

The anonymous article against selling alcohol on school grounds causes widespread annoyance as well as the fact, that a bill of 650 € for color printing has been handed in without prior approval.

The set-up of the "meeting point" bench during fall break ran more or less smoothly. After the break the 9th graders whose lockers had to be moved to the third floor found some sweets in their lockers as a thank-you for their cooperation.

The bench seems to be fairly accepted by the students, and yes, they are allowed to sit on top of the bench.

The "Kräuterschnecke" has been planted and is complete now.

There is no new development regarding the playground equipment, Dagmar Hoppe has not heard back from the teachers.

Dagmar will initiate a workshop on various topics and send around possible dates.

Treasurer

Fun Day made 30,000 € in sales, which is a good outcome. Due to the theft the booth holders received only 70% instead of 75% percent of their income.

Fortunately the treasurer took home literally bags of coins to put them into the coin counting machine. Only part of the money was in the school safe and could be stolen. The VEREIN is in the fortunate position to have all its costs covered.

The biggest money makers at Fun Day were the Boy Scouts, the book sale and the smoothies, some booths made only little money but definitely added to the fun experience on the campus. That's why every booth will receive a minimum of 50 €.

The planned bike racks cannot be realized due to the missing money but the initiative JFKS Spirit Challenge that was started by Katja Hippler-Gromis has already raised appr. 1,600 € donations. Susan Brown comes up with a proposal: more donations could possibly be incited by a PC's pledge to match the donated sums up to a certain amount. Susan will look into the matter and Dagmar Hoppe and Marion Patt will follow up on bike racks.

Membership

Sonia sent in the latest numbers, it looks as if membership rate has not changed much. For further evaluation and comparison we need last year's numbers as well.

Shop

Sales at Fun Day were very satisfactory. The bookkeeping for shop and supply kits look good. At next PC meeting the shop will be advertised - new winter hats have just arrived. For health reasons Frigga, a long-time shop helper, will no longer be able to be part of the team. Susanne Volkmer will send a card and a present.

6. Miscellaneous

■ Webmaster

Liz Görl, JFKS mother of three, has already met with Dagmar and Leah and developed some ideas on how to spice up the VEREIN's website. She will send around an e-mail and see that she can make it to the next meeting.

■ Important dates

Wednesday, December 17th - Christmas potluck (details t.b.a.)

Thursday, January 15th - Thank-You reception

Monday, February 23rd - VEREIN meeting

Tuesday, March 24th - Annual General Meeting



meeting ends at 10.25 pm

Next meeting will be on Monday, December 1st