

Verein der Eltern und Freunde
der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.

Society of Parents and Friends
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Teltower Damm 87-93 • 14167 Berlin

Minutes of The Verein meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

at: John-F.Kennedy-School, Teltower Damm 87-93, 14167, Filmroom GR117

Board Present were: Wendy Rohrbacher, Vanessa Hansen, Melissa Cattarius, Theresa Helou, Fionnuala Hoffmann, Marion Patt, Vinh Pham-Beinhold, Tracey Tober, Sabine Widmaier

Excused board: Klaus Hentges, Susanne Volkmer

Also present: Susan Brown, Andreas Gleitze, Nelly Heidbrink, Kimberley Schneidereit, Jo-Ann Stuhr, Kristen Winkler

Excused: Herr Roth, Buck Chisolm, Andrea Komes, Alexandra Reece

Meeting opened at 19:07 by chair Wendy Rohrbacher

1.) Approval of agenda

- Agenda is amended to include Watering system for school grounds – Julia Wachs from the PC. Agenda approved.

2.) Approval of minutes - of meeting April 5, 2017. Minutes Approved.

3.) Principal's Notes - Herr Roth. Excused from meeting.

4.) Requests

- **Ehrenamtszuschale – reinstating Arnold Schulze.** 720€. Was cancelled last year because no more 1€ jobs, but now there is more work with the Berlin Senat and other things. Herr Roth is supportive of this.
Approved: 9 ja, 1 abstain, 1 no
- **Ehrenamtszuschale – renewing Sabine Widmaier.** 720€. She does all the design and marketing work for many Verein & School Events.
Approved: 10 ja. 1 abstain.
- **Watering system for school grounds** – Julia Wachs. Hausmeister put Item/price list together. A cart with hose will be placed at different locations on school property. Need some kind of lock system to prevent theft. Tracey Tober and Mr. Cortinas working on getting volunteers. Bushes around deck need a lot of water!! Vanessa Hansen read through list of items & prices

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requested. Total of 580,91€. Use OBI account. Unsure if the additional Greifzangen for 279,90€ necessary. 816€ total with Greifzangen. Add money for locks, total of 1000€.

Vote for not exceeding 1,000€. Vote Approved. Ja 9, 2 abstain

5.) Projects

- **Fun Run** – Theresa Helou. September 22, 2107. Money earned to be used for awning outside of Aula for outside dining area. Attached to building or free-standing? 3 Quotes.
- **Traffic Committee** – Nelly Heidbrink. City of Berlin has acknowledged contact. Dahlmer Weg solar sensors not funded from parents, the city ordered and paid for those solar panel signs. Need city's approval first. Big banners with school sign might make JFK more conspicuous to unwanted attention(attack).
- **Deck repairs** – Wendy spoke to the builder who will come Friday, May 19, to repair it. Nails not long enough – need longer nails. Chess tables and garbage cans still standing in the way – they need to be moved to proper position. Chess tables need to be reinstalled, the builder did not do this as he was supposed to. Wendy/Caroline Borscelt getting quotes for this work from other builders. Representative from Grünamt came by and said a larger hole needs to be cut around tree(s) so the roots can be seen. To keep children from falling here, a bench will be built around the tree so the children can sit there. Waiting on quote and will discuss at next meeting.
- **Flea Market**-Marion Patt, Dagmar Hoppe. Sunday, May 22. Over 130 stands. Dagmar Hoppe running coffee stand. Need coffee machine from Film Room.
- **Spooktacular**-Kimberley Schneidereit. Thank you from Kimberley for the funded advance. Kimberley ordering and preparing already. Will take place Thursday before Halloween, October 26, 2017.
- **Supply Kits** – Theresa Helou. Don't want to use boxes bc kids already have boxes, prefer a bag. Details have been smoothed out.
- **Entrance Class boxes.** First week of school, the boxes must be done. Cannot build them now and have them sitting around until Aug/Sept. Theresa will look into the box building in August.
- **Farewell Meeting and Potluck** – Thursday, June 15. Wendy suggests we have it on the deck and have a potluck. The Verein will supply the drinks, plates and cups. Melissa will make a doodle list for potluck.
- **Orientation Day.** Need volunteers for Verein Table. Set up at 10am. Wendy, Andreas, Nelly so far can help that day.
- **Andreas.** Fees. He sent out a reminder to those who hadn't paid yet and he has had a positive response.
- **Membership Drive.** In HS everyone needs to be a member of The Verein in order to have a locker. What about the ES so that's optimal for those families to also be a The Verein member? Many think they are members of The Verein when they join the Friendship Center. Need a good idea. Let's revisit this topic. Maybe can combine this topic with the Fun Run? Need to form a group – Vanessa & Fionnuala and discuss at next meeting. Coffee morning for new parents in EC?

Thank you to Vinh and Theresa for being present at EC Open House days to represent The Verein.

Meeting ends at 20:14.