

Children's Meeting Minutes 1.25.18

Present: Anne, Cathy Dacy, Dani, Denise, Elizabeth (minutes), Kevin, Mary & Stephanie

Success Stories

Stephanie: Preschool Science: Slime. Very fun and not as messy as she thought.

Dani: Family Fun Lab: Cupcake Construction. Built with the Royco builders then cupcakes and other food. A grand success!

Cathy: Painterly Pottery was a great success with two full sessions. Once they situated the Book Bundles on the train, they have been very popular.

Dacy: The New Year's Eve Party had 53 attend. They had a plethora of fun including: shakers, Shakers, masks, snacks, photo booth + a dance area with hula-hoops and blow-up guitars etc. At 11:59, they had a balloon release!

Elizabeth: The prep for our two new Storytimes: Forest Friends and Mice is going very well. Thanks for all of the puppet suggestions!

Denise: Wirt's poster give-away drawing has been very successful.

Mary: The Emoji movie and craft was a hit. They had 38! The yellow paper lanterns to decorate like emoji faces was fab!

Anne: Astronaut Camp program was very popular. It will be good to repeat for SRP 2019 Space theme.

Committee Updates

*Anne gave an update from Administrative Council. The highlight for us is the Playaway tablets. Trish and Mary are looking at grants. Circulation details are yet to be worked out fully.

Winter Reading Program

*Numbers are down from last year, so keep promoting the program. We will discuss possible changes after the program finishes.

Cutter List Review

*We reviewed the list and removed a number of items. The only addition is Thor.

Summer Reading Program

*Graphics: We looked at copies of the graphics and voted on which ones we liked best. Anne will give them to Mary Penn for possible use on the bag and printed materials

*Decorating or Program Ideas:

*Anne-gave a hand out with ideas

*Dani-gave a hand out with bulletin board idea and the Sage give back program of port pillows. She also mentioned the band for the kick-off and that Sage will do programs again to get art created by children to decorate the back wall.

*Cathy-will be using many inflatables for decoration plus records and 45s, which she will share.

*Dacy-brought 2 craft ideas: a tambourine and a maraca-both very cute.

*Denise&Mary-more of the music theme with Dollar Story guitars and records galore.

*Book Selection Meeting is scheduled for March 26 1:15-3:15 in the Wirt Children's Program rm.

*Ellison Die Order: was discussed. Anne will send an email with specifics on the deadline for additional suggestions Feb 16. She will check into the dies that are not cutting well for possible replacement if they are popular ones. Kevin will look at the mechanics of the Ellison machine as that might be part of the problem.

*Destination Prize: was discussed. Kevin will call Sky Zone to see if that might work. Other possibilities for prizes were discussed.

*SRP Bags: Kevin brought a couple of color suggestions for the SRP bags this summer. We discussed various color ways.

Mad About Mo Party idea sharing

*Everyone contributed ideas. Mary will do final decisions and send out the tub.

Valentine Program idea sharing

*Folks brought idea sheets to share. Anne read her Flannel board "Moose in Love" and Elizabeth shared some of what she does at "Things I Love Storytime"

Sharing

*Dani: A great slime success at Sage. The book "Ultimate Slime" by Alyssa Jagen was a winner. She brought examples for us to squish. The magnetic slime (Dani's own recipe-she will share + ingredients) was a huge hit and "swallowed" up magnets.

*Mary: Shared the book "The Unlikely Story of the Pig in the City" by Todi Kendall-a feel good story with a cute pig. She also showed her dragon egg made from air-dry clay over scrunched tin foil and bejeweled. Fab!

*Cathy: Read to us from "William's Winter Nap" by Linda Ashman. So cute!

*Dacy: Shared the book "Sit" by Deborah Ellis-a book that makes you think. Great classroom read aloud for older children.

*Denise: Shared the Lonely Planet Kids series: City Trails. Cool books! She brought Washington DC, Sydney and Tokyo for us to see.

Stephanie: Shared 2 books: "Breathe Like a Bear" by Kira Wiley that she uses ideas from at ST as a calming transition. In addition "A Bedtime Yarn" by Nicola Winstanley – a neat book about how to transition the reluctant child to his/her BIG bed.

*Elizabeth: Enjoyed the graphic novel of "Anne of Green Gables" and read "My Toothbrush is Missing! By Jan Thomas.

*Anne shared the very cute read aloud "A Good Day for a Hat" by T. Nat Fuller.

Additions

*BCPS Summer Activities Night at Kolb is Tue March 6 6-8. Let Anne know if you can do this event.

*20 Minutes a Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at Handy. We need 2 people. Anne is planning to work it with Denise.

*Anne is doing Outreach Storytime at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission February through May.

*Mary Penn has created the new Storytime brochure that is 1-sided, not a folded format.