

Learning Circle Preschool News from the Board

February, 2022

Work in Progress

Board Nominations

We are currently searching for anyone interested in joining the Board of Directors next year. We will be voting for new members at our April 13th meeting.

Along with members at large this year we'll be filling some specific roles :

Co-Chair: We always try to have a new member join a returning co-chair so that there is time to get to know what happens and timelines. The Co-Chairs basically oversee and delegate to make sure plans are realized. Co-chairs do have an extra monthly Governance meeting with Katrina, when agendas are planned and program information, upcoming needs, etc. are shared. Having 2 co-chairs helps assure that we keep the "big picture" in mind as we work on goals.

Fundraising: Having one or two members focusing on fundraising helps assure our annual Auction and other fundraising events are well organized. The members in this position are technically Board Vice-Chairs.

Treasurer: The Treasurer manages payroll and other banking needs, helps assure the school is in compliance with regulations, and helps with budgeting, review of finances, etc. Ideally a new Board member will work with the current Treasurer before the year is out, so that the transition is a smooth one. We have someone interested in this position already!

If you are interested in joining the Board but don't necessarily want to take on a specific role, that is fine too. We always have "members at large" who help out as needed.

If you think you might be interested in joining the Board or have questions, please talk with Katrina or with another current Board member. You can also nominate someone else if you don't have the time yourself. We will be collecting nominations and will organize a vote for the next Board meeting on April 13th.

The mission of Learning Circle Preschool, Inc. is to create child-centered, individualized, developmentally appropriate programs serving preschool children and their families in a nurturing and inclusive environment.



Board Goals

Every year both the teachers and the board set goals to continually improve our school. This year's goals include:

- Have each Board member serve as an ambassador for the school
- Reach out to all families, especially those new to the school, so that everyone feels welcome
- Support families helping each other, especially to help watch younger siblings in the car
- Continue to support the work of and roles taken by Room Parents
- Make sure families and teachers feel supported
- Support teachers in the realization of the school's mission

Auction April 29th

Planning is Underway!

Plans for our virtual silent auction on Friday April 29th are under way! This is our our biggest fundraiser of the year. In 2020, we shifted this event from an in-person event to a virtual event. This year, we were really hoping to be able to host the auction in-person again.

With so much unknown with the future of Covid and in an effort to protect the health and wellbeing of our guests, teachers, children and community, we will once again hold this event virtually on Friday, April 29th beginning at 8 p.m. This gives us the ability to invite anyone who is interested in participating, so please share this information with family and friends! We hope you will save-the-date and plan to join the community in support of our children's school.

Keep an eye out for an official, electronic, invitation in the coming weeks and don't hesitate to reach out with donation ideas, suggestions, or questions. You can contact Nicole Vaillette, Emily Peixoto, or any Board member with your questions and/or ideas!

Thank you for your support!

Family Participation

A Note from Teachers

There have been so many ways family members have helped us out here at LCP, supported classroom activities, and helped make family to family connections. It makes a huge difference for the children and we thank you!

Class parents have been terrific in getting the word out about classroom projects, helping make family to family connections, and generally helping share news – thank you! Please let us know how we can continue to improve this aspect of our program.

Your generous participation in fundraising efforts including raffles and the Annual Appeal is deeply appreciated by all of us and makes a huge difference! The Annual Appeal alone raised \$7950 from both current families and alums, with about 62% of current families participating. Thank you!

Thanks also for all your feedback on the December surveys. Check in with any of us any time with your comments and ideas – we always want to hear from you!

We are hoping that many will support our Map Project by thinking about ways to share your family cultures with us here at school. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested

Thanks!



Upcoming Events

Board Meeting and Parent Discussion

Wed. February 9th; 7:30 p.m. meeting and 8 p.m. discussion and

Fri. February 11th; 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

No School – February Break

February 21-25

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Wed. March 9; 7:30 p.m. meeting and 8 p.m. discussion and

Fri. March 11; 9:30 a.m.

Open Board Meeting-Mandatory Meeting

Wednesday April 13th; 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Auction!

Friday April 29th at 8 p.m.



Membership Meeting

Our sixteenth annual meeting for all members of the Learning Circle community is scheduled for Wednesday April 13th (second Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting is the one required meeting each year for each family. Any family member is welcome to come and represent their family. If you can't come yourself, you can designate a representative for your family.

The meeting functions as an open Board meeting. Votes will be taken on anyone nominated to serve on the Board of Directors (one vote per family). Board members will talk briefly about their work, and a financial report will be included. We'll also have a brief presentation/discussion led by teachers to open the meeting.

If you have questions about this meeting, please talk to a Board member, or refer to the Bylaws section of your Parent Handbook.

Please be sure to reserve the date for this important meeting.