

Parent Connection Meeting Minutes



February 3, 2022
First meeting of 2022!

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- Building a welcoming and vibrant school community.
- Providing volunteer and financial support for school programs.
- Organizing programs, activities, and events to meet the needs of GUMC students and community.
- Communication and partnership between families, school administration and staff, and the preschool board.

In Attendance: Nicole Oxenham, Kim Wissman, Gale Stanford, Claire Duarte, Kate Geldermann, Amy Comberiate, Julie Brooks

Celebrations:

- Thank you to all of the wonderful Secret Santa Shop Volunteers! We all enjoyed bringing back this popular GUMC Preschool event!
- Special thanks to Emily Herzing and Christin Hinrichsen for leading Secret Santa Shop!
- Thank you to Britt McGinn for keeping the Secret Santa Shop materials at your house until next school year!
- Our Giving Tuesday Facebook Fundraiser raised \$900 to GUMC Preschool!
- The February Staff Breakfast SignUp is full! Thank you wonderful volunteers!

News from Miss Kim:

- GUMC Shares Our Love Mission:
 - We are "sharing our love" this month with the GUMC Food Ministries and helping other school communities in need. We are collecting the following items:
 - Rice in 1 or 2 lb boxes or bags
 - Canned Dinty Moore Stew
 - Snack Pack fruit cups
 - Individual chip bags for lunchboxes
- Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is almost full
- More substitutes have contacted Miss Kim and some are in the process of completing their paperwork to work at GUMC Preschool

News from the Church:

- Gale Stanford, church secretary, joined the meeting and shared that the church would like to organize outreach to get to know the families of GUMC Preschool
- The idea of organizing a coffee/donuts hour (outside) after a school pick-up in March was suggested for families to get to know Pastor David Deans, Youth Director Denise Martin

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- and Gale Stanford. Denise Martin works with GUMC students for their Christian Kids program, but the church would like an opportunity to get to know parents and families
- It was also suggested to make this a recurring event and on different days of the week in order to know families who attend GUMC Preschool on M/W/F and Tu/Th
- **Walker's Tap and Table Fundraiser:**
 - **March 22** is GUMC Preschool's fundraiser day at Walker's Tap and Table
 - Mention GUMC Preschool during dining-in or carry-out orders, and GUMC Preschool will receive 10% of those sales.
- **GUMC Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week:**
 - This will be recognized the week of May 2, 2022
 - Nicole Oxenham will be reaching out to Room Coordinators about organizing simple gestures of appreciation towards our staff
- **GUMC Flower Sale**
 - Thank you Kathryn Painter for leading this fundraising event!
 - She is in contact with Greenway Farms and will be sending flower order forms out to families in the coming weeks
 - Flower Delivery Day will be Tuesday May 3, 2022