The Parent Council met at 12:30 p.m. on September 7, 2006 in Skutt Student Center room 105. In attendance were Jeff Branstetter, Meredith Choquette, Cindy Fendrick, Kevin Graham, Shanna Harold, Anna Nubel, Lori Rusch, Amy Rummel, Sarah Sell, Connie Shonka, Theresa Thurin, and Maria Wilson.

Minutes: Spelling corrections were made to the August minutes and approved. The center report and minutes will be posted on the website in the future.

Tuition Discount Program: One family has been given the tuition discount for this year. Connie has asked the controller's office for advice on avoiding income tax if more than 20% is awarded. Jeff Branstetter said he would also look into it.

Cooper Farm Picnic: Maria will send out fliers, directions and order forms for food. The price is the same this year. No tax is charged for the meals because families pay the center and the center then buys the food. The center will be closing at 5:30 to encourage the staff to attend. The staff meals will be paid by the center. Connie has a list of volunteers. Auction funds pay the $100 fee for the pavilion.

Chili Luncheon and Silent Auction: The goal is set at $12,000. Meredith suggested buying automatic sinks and paper towel dispensers for the teachers in the infant and toddler rooms. Connie added that the children's sinks are failing from old age. Lynn Snoza, an infant room teacher, would like to be more involved in the auction this year, possibly with the raffle. Some duties were assigned, but a basket chair is still needed. Ideas and suggestion for the event are always welcome. Connie is still waiting for word on the Borsheims box event. Kim Joyce is in charge of the Bag-a-bag table, but is unable to attend the PC meetings. Some items at the event will be open for online bidding. Connie is working on getting a card machine so people can use Jaybucks to pay for lunch. The raffle items for this year will be a Notebook from Gateway and $1000 from Creighton Federal Credit Union.

Family Directory/ New families: Maria is working on the directory. She has highlighted the new families for Theresa Thurin who will make calls to welcome them to the center. Other parents may be asked to help.

Staff update: Shanna Harold, an infant room teacher, attended the meeting. She mentioned that several children are transitioning to the toddler room and new babies are arriving. The teachers will attend a seminar on how essential relationships are to healthy social and emotional development.

Comments: Should we have Penny Gildea from the Early Childhood Training Center for our parent education seminar this semester? Be watchful of your surroundings on campus, especially in the morning before campus is busy.

Submitted by Meredith Choquette