

Emerald Valley Mothers of Multiples Club

General Monthly Meeting - January 2, 2018

Kim Baga, 1st VP, introduced our Panel Volunteers at 7pm:

Twin girls - Becca and Sarah Fravel - recent college grads

Donna Shurtleff - mom of older triplet boys and two other boys

Sarah Rintamaki - Executive Director of Connecting for Kids

Our members gained first-hand knowledge from our panelist volunteers. Many questions were asked and insightful information was received. We also learned that Help Me Grow had a state-wide change back in July, 2017, and is now called Bright Beginnings. Bright Beginnings assists Birth through 3yrs old children. They can be reached at 1-800-755-4769 for all counties within Ohio. Help Me Grow still exists but is more geared toward vulnerable families (ex. teen pregnancy, food stamps, low income housing). Sarah Rintamaki provided valuable resource information for those concerned about their child's development or behavior. Please visit www.connectingforkids.org to obtain personal assistance to finding services, classes and resources that meet the needs of each of our families. Attached to these minutes is a handout titled, "Is My Child Typical". Also attached is the Winter 2018 Connecting or Kids newsletter. It explains how they can help and lists several Speaker Series presentation events and programs – all of which are FREE PROGRAMS.

Kelley Mendoza, President called the business portion of the meeting to order at 8:45pm.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President: Kelley Mendoza

Kelley took a moment to thank Courtney Gall for organizing a wonderful Christmas party. There was a great turnout of members and their families. The residents at Jennings Senior Center appeared to enjoy this festive event as much as our members did. Kelley also thanked Katy Baddorf for sharing such a heart-warming story in the January newsletter and is hopeful that many of our members plan to join Katy and support Emerald Valley's team in the March of Dimes walk that takes place April 29, 2018.

Kelley also announced that the mid-year Executive and General Board Meeting will take place in January. She is working on a date that works for the majority of our board members. Date, time & place will be finalized and emailed out to all board members soon.

1st Vice President: Kim Baga

Kim announced that next month's meeting will be open to guests. Our speaker will be from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Dept. to educate us on Internet Safety and Awareness including Sex Trafficking and protecting our kids from online predators. Please feel free to bring guests to this meeting to help educate and spread awareness for this most important topic of protecting our kids in today's technology based, social media era.

2nd Vice President: Jeanette Louis

Not in attendance. There were 8 members and 4 guest speakers in attendance.

Secretary: Sheri Bickerton

Meeting minutes will be posted within 1 week of each monthly meeting.

Treasurer: Katy Baddorf

- Beginning Balance as of December 1, 2017 \$10,109.83
- Withdrawals – There were 3 withdrawals (207.61)
- Deposits - There were 0 deposits
- Ending Balance as of December 31, 2017 \$ 9,902.22

Alumni Advisor: Rikki Price

Not in attendance – No report

Trustee #1: Tracey Miller

No report

Trustee #2: Jennifer French

No report

GENERAL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Primary: Christine Mazzeo

Christine was unable to attend the meeting. On Christine’s behalf, Sheri reported that the EV Wing Night will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018, from 7-10pm at Rookies Sports Bar, 6913 W. 130th St. in Parma Hts. Tickets will be available for purchase soon! Start spreading the word! Tickets are \$25 and will include 3 hours of all you can eat & drink - wings, pizza, pasta, salad, rolls, domestic draft beer, well liquor, wine, pop and the “Rookie Blue” signature drink. There will be Raffle Baskets, Sideboards, Grab Bags & a Premium Liquor Basket!

Sheri handed out printed flyers of the event and also mentioned that Christine had posted info on our EV member Facebook page. Christine has also created a google doc spreadsheet to keep track of donations requested and received. Anyone can go into this document and update as they request/obtain donations so that duplicate requests can be avoided.

Fundraising Secondary: Kelley St. Clair

Not in attendance. On her behalf, Kelley Mendoza announced that she is still researching and will follow up on the availability to create an Amazon Smiles account for Emerald Valley. **There is an upcoming Chipotle Fundraiser on Monday, 2-5-18, at the Pearl Road, Strongsville Chipotle from 5-9pm.** A flier is needed from Chipotle and will be sent out to members and posted on Facebook and our EV website once it is received. Pizza Fire fundraiser is also in the works. Once date is secured for Pizza Fire, more information will be sent out.

Historian: Kim DeGross

Not in attendance – No report

March of Dimes: Katy Baddorf

No report

Mentoring: Jeanette Louis

Not in attendance - No report

Mother of the Year: Jennifer French

Jennifer handed out Mother of the Year nomination forms. Please consider nominating a fellow mom and return forms to Jennifer by Feb 15, 2018. Nomination forms were sent out in the January newsletter. Please complete forms and email, mail or give them directly to Jennifer at the February meeting. Jennifer will be contacting Santos to inquire about availability to, once again, have our 2018 Mother of the Year banquet at this establishment.

Newsletter: Sheri Bickerton

Please email your newsletter articles to Sheri by the 20th of every month to ensure the newsletter can be created and emailed out to all members within 1 week of each month's meeting.

Parties: Courtney Gall

Not in Attendance - No report

Philanthropic: Danielle Gomez

Danielle was not in attendance but reported that she has a kid friendly philanthropic project in the works for February. She will provide more details later in the month.

Publicity: Katie Matson

Not in attendance – No report

Social/Playgroups/School-Age: Courtney Gall

Not in attendance – No report Angie Davis announced that Great Northern Mall Stars Kids Club has monthly activities that are Free. However, some events require advance registration either online or by calling 440-641-1515.

Special Needs: Christine Caudill

Not in attendance – No report

Sunshine: Angie Davis

Angie announced that 4 cards and 1 gift card were sent out in the month of December.

Twinsdays Committee: Christine Mazzeo

Twins Days 2018 has revealed their theme. Get your game on for “**TD18: Two-Player Mode**”. Think video/arcade games, movies, classic card games & board games. Some examples to think about would be Pac Man, Mario Bros, Monopoly, Chess, Poker, Uno, Twister, Dungeons & Dragons, World of Warcraft or Angry Birds just to name a few examples! More info to follow as the event gets closer.

Website: Rikki Price

Not in attendance but reported that pictures from the 2017 Christmas party have been posted to our website.

There was no additional business that was presented to the club.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.