

## **Friends of the Griffin Free Library - March 4, 2024 Santa Breakfast Feedback Meeting**

Present: Cathy Sartorelli, Pat Davenport, Marie Sullivan, Dan Szczesny, Joanne Linxweiler, Terry Coll, Brenda Brunelli, Nancy Mayland, Liz Michaud, Jess Traynor, Fay Hanscomb, Pat Allard, Sharon O'Leary Graves, Marion Miller, Pat Clement, Cindy Berling (phone), Ron and Cindi Correria, and Karen Murray

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

The focus of this meeting was to discuss the email that Pat C. received from Jen Alldredge of the PTA about the Santa Breakfast. This email was previously shared and will be attached to these minutes in our binder.

Pat sent an email to reply right after receiving this email. She explained most of the food we serve is donated. We won't be doing things differently next year as suggested. She also called Sarah who runs the kitchen for AVS. Sarah said that the previous year, when the PTA ran the breakfast, eggs, frozen pancakes, grapes and bananas were served. She offered to order these items for us. She also offered to help the day of the breakfast and said we can use the steamers to keep items warm.

### **Comments/Discussion**

- We've run this breakfast for many years without a problem.
- We didn't leave the cafeteria dirty. People swept and cleaned-up all items. Perhaps people were in the caf after us and left the mess. In the past people from the PTA served lunch after we left. It is believed they served pizza after we left this year.
- The majority of those who attended that day came for the breakfast.
- Some crafters didn't break even after paying the \$50 table rental charge.
- We should chill as the email wasn't meant to be malicious.
- The email was passive aggressive
- Sarah wasn't available to help at the breakfast even though calls were made to her. She was called several times, but didn't answer.
- We need better instructions and review of the kitchen items.
- We will continue to begin the breakfast at 8:00AM.

- The table to pay for tickets for the breakfast needs to be inside the caf.
- We will look into wrapping silverware settings so utensils are altogether.
- We discussed changing the date, but decided we will continue holding our breakfast the same date at the PTA Craft Fair.
- Feedback from some parents was that children felt rushed with the photographer and some would have benefitted from extra time to relax with Santa before taking a picture.
- We need to get someone ourselves to be Santa.
- We have the IT capabilities to do the pictures ourselves. People can take pictures with their phones if we want to go that route.
- The caf should be cleaned by the school and ready to go when we arrive for set-up.
- We have the caf until 12PM for clean-up.
- The police can provide a key to open the school if it's not open when we arrive.

Cathy and Cindy are the co-chairs for this event. They will contact Jen, the person who sent the email, and ask to meet to share our feedback.

Our discussion ended at 6:40.

Karen Murray  
Secretary Friends of the Griffin Library