



*Friends of*  
**EVANSVILLE**  
**DAY SCHOOL**

**Friends General Meeting**  
**April 24, 2024 5:15 – 6:02 pm.**  
**I-Lab**

The following were present: Meghann Ray, Amanda White, Amy Wagoner, Laurie Robinson, Dwan Stevens, Amanda Bultemeier, Sarah Brooks, Angela Craft, Holly Ziemer, Misty Eastep

Sarah Brooks, head of the nominating committee, announced the nominations for next year's officers. Laurie Robinson for President and Dwan Stevens and Elizabeth Strader for Secretary of Friends 2024-2025. They also nominated Christine Beyer for the role of Social Media coordinator. This will be a new role, but not an officer role.

Friday, May 3: Book Fair, possibly have Lemonade and/or Donuts for Teachers

Saturday, May 4: Change Maker Project, Jess Crowley, 16 very large plants, sun-loving by Primary School windows (UofE donation). Community event, BYOB (Blanket), First two Saturdays in May

Niki contacted Friends about adding planter boxes at the bottom of the hill facing the parking lot. This would be to help deter children from running down the hill toward the parking lot. The board discussed this as a safety issue and would like Friends assistance to prevent possible accidents from occurring.

Facilities would be in charge of mulching, edging and Friends would provide the plants. Possible date of May 11.

Amanda Bultemeier wants to speak with David first and then circle back to Niki to make sure he is okay with this. She will contact Meghann once she has spoken to David and Niki.

We discussed having either donuts or bagels for the teachers to use up the rest of the money from Teacher Appreciation week. Angela made the suggestion of possibly stocking the breakroom with sodas and sparkling water as an alternative.

Middle School is doing Fresh Fruit Wednesdays, coordinated and carried out by middle school parents.

Discussed doing the mum fundraiser again next year but want to make changes to avoid the disruption and mistakes from last year.

We would still like to have the pick-up of the mums at the school picnic, but have the pick-up separated from the picnic in a more secure area such as the pre-school playground. This would hopefully avoid the problem of people picking up the wrong mums. Meghann will ask Robin about this. SWN wants us to order earlier (July). Amanda Bultemeier was unsure if this would be a good idea because we likely would not get as many orders. We could start ordering that early but would still want to place orders in August at the Back to School night (QR code). Meghann also said she would be available to coordinate the delivery of the mums the day before the picnic.

The question was brought up if Friends would still go with the Committee-based format for future meetings. Laurie Robinson (future President of Friends) said yes. She saw how much work was put on the officers and wants to keep with the committee meetings to help lessen the load.

We discussed who would be a possibility for the Committee Chair position for the All-School Picnic. Amanda Bultemeier suggested Niki Traylor. Sarah confirmed the bounce house has already been reserved. Niki has overseen the Sign-up and the food order in the past.

Amanda White volunteered to oversee the Giveback Nights and the Trivia Committee.

Amanda Bultemeier suggested Anna Palmer as a potential lead for the Back-to-School Supplies fundraiser. She suggested we wait until after school has started back before we approach her with this.

Friends will welcome the new Head of School with food and a gift card?

Amanda Bultemeier suggested Friends go back to calling new families at the beginning of the school year to welcome them to EDS.

Friends' gifts to Mr. Kunst and Mrs. Renschler will be given with administration's gifts at the faculty lunch.