



GARDEN CREEK HOME AND SCHOOL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Garden Creek School Library, 6:30 pm

Attendees

1. Jesse Blizzard
2. Lindsay Bowman
3. David Dennis
4. Marcia Franklin (*Secretary, Bazaar*)
5. Andy Han (*President*)
6. Emma O'Connor (*Day Events Coordinator*)
7. Jennifer Quehe
8. Jess Ramirez
9. Jonathan Ramirez
10. Christine Ritchie (*Santa's Workshop Director*)
11. Samantha Robichaud
12. Rebekah Thompson (*Vice President*)
13. Jen Ward (*Treasurer, Bazaar*)

Regrets

1. Carie Grant (*Night Events Coordinator*)
2. Hannah Steeves-Carney (*Social Media Director*)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved by Emma
- Seconded by Jen

Financial Report (Jen)

- Currently we have **\$9738.58** available to spend.
 - We held onto this money mainly for a potential shade structure, but that is currently on hold.

Fundraising Goals for 2026-2027

- As mentioned, the shade structure is currently on hold while the city investigates permits, etc.
- We typically support the following:
 - Grade 5 trip
 - School-wide trip to the theatre (or hosting a production at the school)
 - Drama production
 - Staff appreciation lunch
 - Classroom staff supply purchases (money for each classroom staff member)
- The school is interested in a potential gym upgrade this year, including wall painting and a replacement of the ~300 old metal chairs. *(To discuss further.)*
- The school is also interested in updated technology for the classrooms. *(To discuss further.)*

Fundraising Plan for 2026-2027

- **Movie Nights**
 - These are community events as much as fundraisers and we usually raise funds for something specific.
 - Historically we have run 4 Movie Nights: 1 in October, 1 in Jan/Feb, 1 in March/April, 1 in May. There is some interest in a 5th movie during the day just before Christmas this year. *(To discuss further.)*
- **Fall fundraising: Holiday Bazaar + Scott's Nursery**
 - We will not be doing additional fundraisers this fall that we have run in the past, such as coffee and soup.
 - Holiday Bazaar is our biggest fundraiser, raising between \$15,000 and \$19,000. Last year was our biggest year on record and it raised \$19,300.
 - Confirmed date of the Holiday Bazaar is **December 5th** and time is **11 to 1:30**.
 - We will be meeting soon to start establishing the Activity Station Leads and schedule.
- **Spring fundraising: Scott's Nursery (Spring Edition)**
 - We plan to run the Scott's Nursery (Spring Edition) fundraiser again this year, which is effective and quite seamless to run. We will discuss in the new year whether we are incorporating any additional spring fundraisers.
- Lindsay asked if we have fundraising targets. Andy and Jen explained that we do, but without the huge goal of the playground, it is somewhat less formalized. Jen keeps track of what we have funded in previous years and what we have committed for the current year, we consider what the school is hoping for, and then we as a group determine what our goals are and determine what we want to fund.

Movie Night: tentative date is Friday, October 16th

- Doors open at 6:15, movie starts at 6:30.
- We ran into issues during the last Movie Night with streaming. Since the movie did not come from the streaming service, it was blocked when we tried to project it.
- Carie wonders if the school will use the streaming licence? Samantha is not sure, particularly given the new policy for videos and social media in schools.
- **Action Item:** Carie to determine what to do with the streaming licence.
- Carie is also in the process of determining what to do regarding popcorn. (It takes our popcorn popper Andrew several hours to pop 130 bags of popcorn.) Sam also mentioned that, due to the lunch program, someone will be in the kitchen on Fridays between 9am and 2pm now.

- **Action Item:** Carie to determine what to do about popcorn, whether it be buying a new machine (and figuring out where to pop it, if the kitchen is no longer an option), or buying the popcorn already popped.
- **Decision Made:** Andy proposed that we put funds from the first Movie Night towards Creekers Helping Creekers.
 - Emma supported.
 - Marcia supported.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **Breakfast Program**
 - Led by Jen and open to all students.
 - The school orders food and we get it through a grant program. We get fruit, granola bars, cereal, bagels, toast, and more. (The cereal may change with the start of the lunch program, however.)
 - They use Sign Up Genius for the schedule. The program can run with just 1 volunteer, but it is nice to have 2. There is also an FB Messenger Breakfast chat group.
 - Time is ~7:20 to start to set up. Students come in from 7:50 to 8:05. Then you wipe up and restock and are done by 8:15.
- **Welcome BBQ**
 - This Thursday, Sept 24th. Andy is helping. If anyone else is interested in helping, let Andy know. (Alex would like helpers to start at 3:30.)
- **Movie Night on Friday, October 16th** (tentative)
- **Decorating for Halloween on Friday, October 23rd**
- **Decorating for the Holidays on Friday, November 20th** (no school, afternoon and early evening)
- **Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 5th**
 - This is the big one and the more people we have on board, the better! 😊
 - **Bazaar meeting is Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30** – we hope to see all of Home & School and some new parents as well. Bring your friends!

Any Other Items/Questions/Concerns

- No school requests currently beyond what is mentioned under “Fundraising Goals”.
- Home & School meets every third Tuesday of the month.
- If you are not sure who to contact with a question or want to volunteer for something, email gardencreekhs@gmail.com and you will be directed to the relevant person. (Also follow Home and School on FB and IG!)
- Next year we anticipate having the following open positions: Daytime Events Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer. Emma and Andy will be done. Jen and Marcia are open to replacing Andy and sharing the President position if others will assume Treasurer and Secretary.
- **Action Item:** Marcia to circulate Bazaar General Communication and Fall Calendar next week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Marcia Franklin

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