

# Parent Circle Meeting Minutes 2/6/26

## Admin Updates (Beth)

- Thanks to all that attended Town Hall on Jan. 29 - we know how hard evening meetings are and we appreciate everyone making the time to be there
  - Financial updates and 2026-27 tuition can be found in the newsletter sent on Jan. 30
  - We did a community survey to help Admin be informed of community needs as we work on our self-study next year for our WECAN and AWSNA renewals - *survey was online but closed Feb. 6, was in newsletter and teacher weekly emails*
  - Special Announcement - effective Fall 2026, our new name will be **Houston Waldorf School**, more details in the newsletter sent Jan. 30
- **Gala** - March 14 6-10pm, Recreation Center at Rob Fleming Park “80s Flashback!”
  - Tickets are on sale, closing Feb. 28: <https://givebutter.com/GOWSGala2026>
  - Committee is seeking sponsors and donors, please contact Desa Swaim @ [desa.swaim@yahoo.com](mailto:desa.swaim@yahoo.com)
  - If you can't attend, please consider donating teacher tickets!
  - This is our largest fundraiser of the year and directly benefits our tuition assistance program and funding for teacher continuing education
- Class Photos available to purchase through Feb. 28 here: <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/greatoakschool/classphotos25>
  - This also goes into our fundraising bucket
  - Retakes will be scheduled later this spring to catch anyone that missed picture day in November, or who has joined the school since then

## Committee Updates

- Family Care Committee:
  - Analisa Pratt is in need of a meal train after surgery, sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/690y38>
- Craft Circle:
  - Currently learning crochet as requested by some attendees
  - Want to join the Craft Circle WhatsApp chat? Text Anna Baugh - (386) 405-3378
- Guys Night Out → Dads' Night Out:
  - Will continue to meet at Paradigm on 1st Thursdays through end of school year, contemplating mixing it up for next year
  - May be organizing a Men's Retreat, TBD

- John Woodall co-leading with Peter Schmitz
- Want to join the WhatsApp chat? Text Peter - (832) 762-0208
  
- Women's Retreat:
  - Very well attended retreat this year, deposit already put down for MLK weekend 2027
  - Anna Baugh and Kelly Miller to facilitate 2027
  - If you went to the retreat, or are interested in attending next year, please help Anna and Kelly plan by filling out this survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJMTUy498Klr2YX8w0-DaNzDsNC4cno7MphSa9f2n0hv9V5A/viewform>
  - Want to join the GOWS Moms Chat on WhatsApp? Text Anna - (386) 405-3378
  
- Parent Education:
  - Desire (from Women's Retreat) to have quarterly anthroposophical talks as relates to Waldorf Education
    - Kelly Miller to take on Parent Education Committee (previously un-chaired) and work with Admin to facilitate
  - Isabel & Tandy wish to help Kelly and join Parent Ed
  - Sam to send Kelly contact info for parents that expressed interest in committee at beginning of school year
  
- Welcome Committee:
  - Sunni is chairing, not able to attend meeting (subbing in kinder)
    - Contacted new families in January and was able to chat with at least one family
    - Sam to send contact info for 2 more families just enrolled 1st week of February

**Next meeting Friday, March 6 at 8:45am**