

# Fernwood Fund Board

## Meeting Minutes (02/21/2023)



### Fernwood Montessori School Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2023 at 6:30pm  
Location: Fernwood Montessori Library, 3239 S Pennsylvania Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207  
Attendees: Ben, Brett, Molly, Jay, David, Lorinda, Matt, Eric, Sam, Principal Lowell  
Absent: n/a  
Guests: Aly, Jay

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Standing Agenda

- Current balance of Fernwood Fund is \$35,000 with all planned spending for 2022/2023 included. Brett has not received an update from MPS foundation (Kelly).
- No new grant requests.

#### 2. Landscaping

- Potentially breaking ground for the outdoor classroom this spring. \$20,000 over budget so some landscaping and pavers were omitted to stay in budget.
- Matt is working on revitalizing the greenhouse. No spring beautification day is planned.

#### 3. Fundraising

- MittenFest fundraiser was successful raising over \$600
- Current ideas for Burnhearts fundraisers: teacher happy hour, new parent orientation.
- Fernwood Flights: June 11, 11am-3pm
  - Tickets: Ben and Brett will discuss options, possible karaoke at the event
  - Ben will send donation form and tracking spreadsheet to fund members
  - All can start reaching out to secure donations and sponsorships. Specific meeting to take place before the Fund March meeting.

#### 4. Board Operations

- Selection of board members and officers for term ending in January 2025:
  - Molly Pufall Brown (Vice President)
  - Sam Skizycki (Secretary)

#### 5. Music

- De La Buena performance will take place in April. Date to be confirmed next month.
- ACE visits have been taking place with a field trip at the end of April expected.
- If all upper EI were to be included with ACE, cost is an additional \$1,500 – \$7,500 for the year.

#### 6. Field Trips

- Mequon Nature Preserve offers free field trips including busing, therapy dog, nature trails. Principal Lowell will send a PDF from the nature preserve to all staff to gauge interest.
- Jay will look into full/partial funded field trips through the Urban Ecology Center.