

Fernwood Fund Board Meeting Minutes (2/20/2018)



Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:30pm
Location: Fernwood Montessori School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Attendance: John Sanchez, Sean Kane, Amy Joyce, Isaac Roang, Jennifer Brumm-Maciejewski
Absent: Mel Limas, Lorinda Flores, Benjamin Stocks, Tara Baszler
Guests: Jim
Facilitator: Sean Kane, Board Chair
Note Takers: Sean Kane, Board Chair, and Isaac Roang, Board Secretary

Meeting Notes

- Meeting called to order by Sean Kane at approximately 6:30 pm (no quorum until Isaac arrived at approximately 6:45 pm)
- Standing Agenda
 - Meeting Minutes – Minutes from last meeting (1/23/2017) discussed and approved as amended.
 - Treasurer Report – Amy discussed financials and lack of Foundation updates. Discussion of corrections to financial statements.
 - Principal's Report – General update on progress of various initiatives.
- Beers and Cheers
 - We are moving forward with Gesture.
- Landscaping and Master Grounds Plan
 - As approved last meeting, \$10,000 of additional budget was allocated to the project, which is being combined with cost savings from other facilities projects. Discussion of timing for bids and need to vote and consensus that we should complete via e-mail given timing.
 - Sean discussed project schedule for amphitheater (drawings by end of month, bid in February, vote on final financial impact in March, sign contract in April, complete in May). Sean anticipates that will need to devote no more than an additional \$10k of funds (given other cost savings).
 - **Approval** of allocating another \$10,000 to the project (will vote on actual spend later).
 - Discussion of need for a volunteer group to help maintain site landscaping. Lorinda will help.
- Grants
 - Environmental Education Trips – Discussion that we need info for next year.
 - Model UN – Received report that the group has raised enough for event.
 - Fernwood Forensics – Report that the club is taking part in competitions. Need financial request.
 - Auditorium Mural Project – No updates.
 - Milwaukee Public Museum – Just need to post pictures and then can close-out item.
 - New Grant Applications – none.
- Other Matters Discussed
 - Discussions with Reflo H2O – Sean reports good discussions for potential grants as we continue to work on grounds.
 - Green Schools Consortium – As part of the discussions, an opportunity arose for Fernwood to host the consortium this year (June 14). Leaders for water conservation will be at the school. Opportunities to network and try to seek opportunities for future green projects at school. Mr. Sanchez is lead..
- Close of business at approximately 7:30 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- March 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- April 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm

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- May 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm (officers for 2018/19 to be elected)
- June 3, 2018 - Beers and Cheers (Sugar Maple)
- June 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm (location TBD)