

## Fernwood Fund Board Meeting Minutes (3/20/2018)



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

### Meeting Notes

- Meeting called to order by Sean Kane at approximately 6:34 pm
- Standing Agenda
  - Meeting Minutes – Minutes from last meeting (2/2/2017) approved as amended.
  - Treasurer Report – Waiting on statement from the Foundation.
  - Principal's Report – Tabled
- Beers and Cheers
  - Mel reports that the ticket site is up and running. General discussion of features.
  - Committee is interfacing with foundation for logistics of tax acknowledgments, etc.
  - Need to get donations for the silent auction, auction, etc.
  - Fundraising goal is \$45,000.
- Landscaping and Master Grounds Plan
  - As approved by the Board over written consent, the winning bid has been awarded to Branch & Boulder, LLC at \$14,275. **Action:** Board ratified prior written consent.
  - Should be able to start soon given warm weather, with a finish of mid May.
  - Discussion of costs savings versus budgeted amount for project.
  - Discussion of adding trees to the back of the mound (as per original design) at a cost of \$2,180 for 5 trees. **Action:** Board approval of addition of 5 trees to project scope.
  - Discussion of next steps for grounds based on master plan. Consensus that the west end area (near KK) would be a good initiative. Sean to get a quote from designer for the next phase.
- Grants
  - Environmental Education Trips – Current year is ongoing -- will need pics. Lorinda reports that she should have info for next year by the April meeting.
  - Model UN – Trip is ready to go for April. Will need report and pictures after event.
  - Fernwood Forensics – John reports that a successful season. Board requested information on whether the full \$1,000 was spent and additional information that was missing at the time of the grant request. Will need a report and pictures.
  - Auditorium Mural Project – Still no progress. **Action:** Award has been rescinded but sponsor is welcome to re-apply in the future.
  - Milwaukee Public Museum – Just need to post pictures and then can close-out item.
  - New Grant Applications – none.
- Other Matters Discussed
  - Task List – Isaac has updated. Please provide comments.
  - Auditorium Sound System Upgrades – Sean reports that there was some cost savings. **Action:** Board approval of re-allocation of cost savings to grounds initiatives.
  - Reflo H2O – Discussion of potential grants and Fernwood's history of involvement (through Matt)
  - Green Schools Consortium (6/14) – Fernwood to host. John reports working out details. Will

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- feature green initiatives spearheaded by the Fund as well as other initiatives. Looking for opportunities to solicit funding requests for specific next steps (master plan).
- 2018/19 Board and Officer List – Board should bring guests to next meetings to try to recruit new members. To vote on slate at the May meeting.
  - Close of business at approximately 7:27 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- April 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- May 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm (Board and officers for 2018/19 to be elected)
- June 3, 2018 - Beers and Cheers (Sugar Maple)
- June 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm (location TBD)