

Fernwood Fund
Board Meeting Minutes (06/12/2019)



Date: June 12th, 2019 at 7:00pm
Location: The Bubbler, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Attendance: Mel Limas, Tara Baszler, Benjamin Stocks, David Eskra, Sean Kane
Absent: Amy Joyce, Lorinda Flores, Matt Ray, Eric van Schyndle, John Sanchez
Guests: Roberta Oldenburg, Molly Pufall
Facilitator: Mel Limas
Note Taker: Benjamin Stocks

Meeting Notes (actions are assumed due at the next meeting unless otherwise stated)

- Meeting called to order at 7:10pm
- Standing agenda topics:
 - Meeting Minutes: minutes from last meeting (5/14/19) approved with date change in header.
 - Treasurer's Report: Amy provided detailed financials, for rough planning purposes the board assuming \$60K in assets going into 2019/2020.
- Landscaping Projects:
 - First phase of the West Playground should wrap up approximately three days after the last materials arrive, expecting any day now.
 - Desire is to review a second phase of the West Playground at August meeting to finish that before taking on another large scale landscaping project.
- Beers and Cheers:
 - Generally well executed, best year in terms of revenue at roughly \$38K.
 - Highest impact lesson learned would be ensuring solid agreement with location in regard to their financial commitment ahead of the event.
- Any Other Business:
 - Target formal vote on Schlitz Audubon and Urban Ecology Center in August but board is supportive.
 - Desire remains for an off-site fall fundraiser. Board members are encouraged to gather information on availability and cost for local facilities in time for discussion at August meeting.
 - Provided guidance to Molly Pufall regarding what the fund can and cannot do as she develops ideas for grants on supplemental music programs.
 - **Action:** David to review United Way donations for any that meet or exceed \$500 and provide to Tara so she can order any new name tags for the plaque.
 - Strawman for projects in 2019/2020 would be as follows, trying to maintain roughly \$5K to \$10K as the minimum level of assets:
 - Second phase of West Playground (\$10K)
 - Schlitz Audubon and Urban Ecology Center (\$10K)
 - Auditorium updates such as lighting (\$5K)
 - Supplemental music program materials (\$5K)
 - Spring landscaping (\$25K)
 - **Action:** Ben will circulate options for first board meeting of 2019/2020 in the late July timeframe, will target the 3rd week of August with an eye towards the 21st.

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- Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm