

# Fernwood Fund

## Board Meeting Minutes (10/24/2017)



### Board Meeting of the Fernwood Montessori School Fund

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Location: Fernwood Montessori School, Community Room, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Attendance: John Sanchez, Sean Kane, Mel Limas, Isaac Roang, Tara Baszler, Benjamin Stocks  
Absent: Amy Joyce, Jennifer Brumm-Maciejewski, Lorinda Flores, Paula Holman  
Guests: Matt Ray, Jim Geurts  
Facilitator: Sean Kane, Board Chair  
Note Taker: Isaac Roang, Board Secretary

### Meeting Notes

- Meeting called to order by Sean Kane at approximately 6:30 pm
- Introductions and brief discussion by Sean of the Fund for the benefit of guest (Jim Geurts)
- Standing Agenda
  - Meeting Minutes – Minutes from last meeting (9/19/2017) approved.
  - Treasurer Report – Amy emailed a report to the Board prior to the meeting. Need Foundation info.
  - Principal's Report – John had a meeting with the Foundation along with other school representatives to go over processes, etc. Foundation would like more parent & less MPS involvement. **Action Item:** Board to review charter and determine if revisions are needed.
  - Committee Reports – N/A.
- Beers & Cheers
  - Committee has sent out thank you letters.
  - Still waiting on resolution by Foundation of open issues.
- Grants
  - New
    - John provided two grant requests – Model UN (K. Wellhausen & M. Sopko) and Forensics (K. Botsford & N. Guzman). Will discuss at next meeting, hopefully with sponsors present to answer questions. Request was too late for Model UN school registration fees due 10/26. **Action Item:** Board to review grant requests in advance of November meeting.
    - Music Booster Club – No grant requests received to date.
    - Subcommittee – Discussion and consensus that, currently, the full board can review grant proposals and that no subcommittee is needed. Will consider if large number of requests.
  - Existing with Updates
    - Auditorium Mural Project – John reports that the project is in process.
    - Landscaping – see below.
    - Auditorium Upgrades – Should have proposals from 3 contractors for next meeting.
  - Existing without Updates
    - Model UN – Board would still like a report from sponsor on the use/benefit of prior funding.
    - Milwaukee Public Museum – No update was provided by sponsor (Lisa McLure).
    - Environmental Education Trips – Ongoing. More updates later.
- Landscaping and Master Grounds Plan
  - Discussion of success of planting day and desire to build upon the same.
  - Brief discussion of planning process, with presentation by ODG to be at November meeting.
  - Discussion of multiple-year goal setting, to help foster buy-in from multiple “generations” of families.

- John will work with grant office to try to find other implementation options for work.
- Brief discussion of greenhouse as part of plan (see below).
- Other Matters Discussed
  - Task List – Isaac received no comments from the Board. Sean will provide updates.
  - Annual Appeal – Discussion of draft letter and revisions to same. Will send in November.
  - Leadership Plaque Updates – Tara will work on them.
  - Greenhouse – Presentation by Matt Ray. General discussion of need to think about long-term planning for greenhouse. More to come on this item.
- Close of business at approximately 8:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- November 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm
- December 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm
- January 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- February 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- March 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- April 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- [May ???, 2018 at 6:30 pm]
- [May ??? - Beers and Cheers]
- [June and/or July?]