

Fernwood Fund Board Meeting Minutes (1/23/2018)



Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30pm
Location: Fernwood Montessori School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Attendance: John Sanchez, Sean Kane, Mel Limas, Isaac Roang, Jennifer Brumm-Maciejewski, Lorinda Flores, Benjamin Stocks, Tara Baszler
Absent: Amy Joyce
Guests: N/A
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
- Standing Agenda
 - Meeting Minutes – Minutes from last meeting (12/12/2017) approved.
 - Treasurer Report – Amy emailed a report to the Board prior to the meeting. Some funds have been received and accounted for by the Foundation per the most recent financials. United Way accounting still in process. Need to fix Forensics grant entry (Ben will email Amy)
 - Principal's Report – Tabled.
- Beers and Cheers
 - Mel reports that we are close to finalizing Gesture contract and committee is getting organized.
- Landscaping and Master Grounds Plan
 - Lorinda presented conceptual drawings. General discussion of potential projects and phasing.
 - 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 – Lorinda reports that trips for this year are ongoing. Discussion of potential for Schlitz Audubon next year. Lorinda should have a proposed budget/program for consideration by the March meeting.
 - Model UN – Discussion of additional request sent by Kari based on revised budget. **Approval** for commitment of additional \$400 (now total of \$2,400) to support the initiative.
 - Fernwood Forensics – Discussion of progress; no formal request received yet.
 - Auditorium Mural Project – Lack of progress discussed. Consensus that project needs to be completed this school year or the funds will be release and will need to reapply.
 - Milwaukee Public Museum – complete, remove from agenda going forward.
 - New Grant Applications – none.
- Other Matters Discussed
 - Auditorium sound system – **Approval** for excess funds to be used for other facilities projects.
 - Website – Ben is working on the renewal and transfer of domain registration.
 - Meetings – May meeting set for 5/22. Will choose officers and board for 2018/19 at this meeting. June meeting set for 6/11 to close-out open issues for the year. Need to recruit new members.
- Close of business at approximately [8:00] pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- February 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm

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- March 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- April 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- May 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- June 3, 2018 - Beers and Cheers (Sugar Maple)
- June 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm (location TBD)