

Fernwood Fund

Board Meeting Minutes (2/17/2020)



Date: February 17th, 2019 at 6:30pm (rescheduled from February 10)
Location: Fernwood Montessori, Community Room, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Attendance: Lorinda Flores, Mel Limas, Tara Baszler, David Eskra, Matt Ray, John Sanchez
Absent: Eric van Schyndle, Benjamin Stocks, Amy Joyce
Guests: Molly Brown (music program), Meredith Mertes (music program), Jobey Clark (music program), Brett Mytys (music program), Mike Busateri (music program), Ian Brown (music program)
Facilitator: Mel Limas
Note Taker: Tara Baszler

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

- Fernwood Music Boosters Program
 - **Approved:** \$2000 for initial funding of the music program.
 - Board requested a representative from the music program to take one of the upcoming open seats on the Fernwood Fund board to provide updates and coordination.
 - **Action:** Principal Sanchez will create a parent account under the school for the funds to go into.
- Standing agenda topics:
 - The financial conditions show an approximate liquidity of \$45,000 after accounting for an Urban Ecology and Schlitz Audubon in 2019/2020 as well as the teacher stipend..
- Landscaping Projects:
 - West Playground still has corrections that have yet to be made which the contractor has responded to, but cannot be made until Spring.
 - Spring landscaping project will target next phase of the West Playground with 10 more tree stumps, 5 raised sensory beds costing \$900 in supplies using parent volunteers to build, corner seating area costing \$100 in supplies, additional seating costing \$125 in supplies and weather resistant fabric for shade costing \$270.
 - **Action:** Lorinda will coordinate with Jobey Clark and other parent volunteers.
 - **Approved:** \$3000 for estimated total project cost.
- Fundraising:
 - The GiveSmart / Gesture contract is signed, costing \$2850.
 - The sponsorship letter should be complete by early March.
 - Still need to determine roles and staffing to ensure continuity into next year and beyond.