

Fernwood Fund Board Meeting Minutes (4/17/2018)



Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:30pm
Location: Fernwood Montessori School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Attendance: John Sanchez, Sean Kane, Mel Limas, Amy Joyce, Isaac Roang, Tara Baszler, Jennifer Brumm-Maciejewski, Benjamin Stocks
Absent: Lorinda Flores
Guests: Matt Ray, Annie Ovans, Eric van Schyndle, David Eskra
Facilitator: Sean Kane, Board Chair
Note Takers: Isaac Roang, Board Secretary

Meeting Notes

- Meeting called to order by Sean Kane at approximately 6:32 pm
- Introductions/Guests
- Standing Agenda
 - Meeting Minutes – Minutes from last meeting (3/20/2018) approved.
 - Treasurer Report – Still waiting on statement from the Foundation. Will work with Sean on tracking construction costs/allocations.
 - Principal's Report – No formal report.
- Beers and Cheers
 - Mel reports that the ticket site functioning although a slow start. Hope is for it to pick up as we get closer to event. Marketing efforts are ongoing. Robbie is coordinating sponsorships.
 - Live auction will be reduced a bit this year, with more emphasis on online auction. Obtaining several unique items for online auction, including artwork by students (Tara is lead).
 - John is to work on getting raffle license from foundation..
- Landscaping and Master Grounds Plan
 - Sean provided an update. Should have broken ground but snow. However, still on schedule with ribbon cutting soon.
 - Discussion of proposal for next design by New Eden (wet playground). **Action:** Board approved purchase order of \$2,980.
 - Ben proposed that before the current Board is done, we should have a rough order of the projects going forward to help with prioritizing in future. General consensus.
 - John reports that the "green team" will be providing marketing materials for review.
- Grants
 - Environmental Education Trips – Current year is ongoing -- need pics. Lorinda is still working on getting quotes for next year.
 - Model UN – Discussion of success of project. Need report and pictures.
 - Fernwood Forensics – Discussion of success of project. Need report (with accounting) and pictures.
 - New Grant Applications – Matt reports that adolescent students want to build an octagonal bench. Need funds for supplies, etc. **Action:** Up to \$500 allocated, pending more formal request.
- Board Vacancies/Officer Nominations
 - Vacancies: Isaac will be leaving the Board (moving) and Sean can no longer Chair (Foundation guideline).
 - Potential new members: Eric and David both interested.
 - Officer nominations:
Chair - Mel (nominated by Ben)
Vice Chair - Tara (nominate by Ben)

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- Treasurer - Amy (nominated by Isaac)
- Secretary - Ben (nominated by Sean)
- Voting on new Board and Officers for 2018/19 will be at May meeting.
- Other Matters Discussed
 - Task List – Isaac has updated. Please review/provide comments.
 - Green Schools Consortium (6/14 – Discussion of ongoing planning by John and Matt.
- Close of business at approximately 7:25 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- May 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm (Board and officers for 2018/19 to be elected)
- June 3, 2018 - Beers and Cheers from noon to 4pm (Sugar Maple)
- June 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm (location TBD)