

Fernwood Fund Board

Meeting Minutes (01/17/2023)



Fernwood Montessori School Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17th, 2023 at 6:30pm
Location: Fernwood Montessori Library, 3239 S Pennsylvania Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207
Attendees: Brett, Ben, David, Lorinda, Matt, Eric, Molly, Principal Lowell,
Absent: Tara
Guests: Sam Skizycki

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1. Standing Agenda

- Disbursement for the Camp Edwards and PAC memorial grant requests have been completed.
- Current balance of Fernwood Fund is \$34,000 with all planned spending for 2022/2023 included.
- Desire is to add an additional trip to the Schlitz Audubon Center for next year moving the commitment from \$1,000 to \$1,500 approximately.

2. Landscaping

- Matt has engaged MPS Facilities and Maintenance on the greenhouse maintenance. In total the work will be on the order of \$25,000 however facilities may be able to split the spending with a maintenance fund or ESSR money. Expect feedback on the order of weeks what the spending expectation will be.

3. Fundraising

- Burnhearts has offered to provide a location for a hot cocoa fundraiser to run concurrent with their MittenFest Hunger Task Force fundraiser. This would be a roughly 3 to 4 hour commitment with commensurate expectations for level of fundraising accomplished.
- Burnhearts has offered support for other fundraising activities such as splitting the tab during certain windows of time, or a grill out. Will discuss these after the MittenFest fundraiser.
- Form submission based donation requests for spring marquee fundraiser are in progress.

4. Board Operations

- Selection of board members and officers for term ending in January 2025:
 - Ben Stocks (President)
 - Molly Pufall Brown (Vice President)
 - Brett Mytys (Treasurer)
 - David Eskra (Parent board member)
 - Eric Van Schyndle (Parent board member)
 - **Sam Skizycki (Parent board member) - New Board Member!**
 - Matt Ray (Staff, through end of 2022/2023 school year)
 - Lorinda Flores (Staff)
 - Principal Lowell (Staff)
- Board secretary duties will be shared between Ben and Brett pending another candidate emerging

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- A replacement for Matt Ray will be determined later in the school year