

**Fernwood Fund Board
Meeting Minutes (10/10/2023)**



Fernwood Montessori School Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2023 at 6:30pm
 Location: Fernwood Montessori School – Library
 Attendees: Ben Stocks, Maia Schwartz, Brett Mytys, Sam Skizycki, Angela Hill, Eric van Schyndle, Molly Pufall Brown, David Eskra, Lorinda Flores, Paul Schwartz, Principal Lowell
 Absent: Katrina Davis
 Guests: Jay Feiker, Jeremy Fojut

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of September minutes
2. Treasurer’s Report
 - o Current estimate:

2022-2023 School Year			
<i>Payables/Earmarked Grants for not yet paid/realized/n bank balance</i>			\$ (620.50)
2022-2023	Schlitz	(620.50)	
Possible Funds Remaining after 2022-2023 School Year			\$ 50,088.69
2023-2024 School Year			
<i>Payables/Earmarked Grants for not yet paid/realized/n bank balance</i>			\$ (26,522.50)
2023-2024	Schlitz	(1,522.50)	
2023-2024	Urban Ecology	(5,500.00)	
2023-2024	Arts in Community (ACE) Program (music program via MSO)	(7,000.00)	
2023-2024	Spring wold music concert	(2,500.00)	
2023-2024	Natures Classroom	(10,000.00)	
Possible Funds Remaining after 2023-2024 School Year			\$ 23,566.19

- Greenhouse: \$23,000 estimate (potentially school would pay for \$10,000, \$13,000 from facilities). No update from facilities. Potentially would be asking \$3,000 from the Fund. Would like to get programming in the Greenhouse and be ready for spring, but not sure how feasible that is currently.

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2. Grants
 - Nature's Classroom - will most likely be asking the Fund for less than \$10,000 that was originally approved.

3. Music Parents
 - Encouraging all parents who are interested to attend the October 12 MPS school board meeting or send an email to lend your voice about the need to increase music education for K-8.
 - Reconsidering the spring world concert and the earmarked \$2,500 given the amount of performances students are currently scheduled to see for the 23-24 school year.

4. Fundraising
 - Beers & Cheers 2024: name of event is official. We will probably know by the Nov Fund meeting how soon we can get software availability.
 - Chili/soup family potluck event: PTO is not interested in doing this event this year. The Fund is interested. Basic info so far: \$5 for each person, potential date: Feb 2, 2024. Ben and Brett will send the proposal to the group - all send comments back to them.

5. Additional items
 - Eric will review the annual appeal letter by Nov Fund meeting.
 - Approved changing the date of the last Fund meeting to June 10.
 - David will be the point person for United Way/other matching options. David will send info to Meredith to get info into the newsletter.