

**Fernwood Fund Board  
Meeting Minutes (9/17/2024)**



Fernwood Montessori School Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2024 at 6:30pm  
 Location: Fernwood Montessori Library, 3239 S Pennsylvania Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207  
 Attendees: Ben Stocks, Brett Mytys, Sam Skizycki, Molly Pufall Brown, Maia Schwartz, David Eskra, Lorinda Flores, Katrina Davis, Angela Hill, Principal Lowell  
 Absent: Eric van Schyndle  
 Guests: Ian Brown, Amy Bennet, Paul Schwartz

Treasurer’s report

Possible Funds Available			<b>\$ 62,573.81</b>
<b>2024-2025 School Year</b>			
<i>Payables/Earmarked Grants for not yet paid/realized/in bank balance</i>			(25,119.00)
2024-2025	Urban Ecology	(5,800.00)	
2024-2025	Schlitz Adubon	(1,920.00)	
2024-2025	Matt Ray Contract	(12,000.00)	
2024-2025	Adolescent trip to UW Madison	(1,200.00)	
2024-2025	Arts in Community (ACE) Program (music program via MSO)	(4,199.00)	
Possible Funds Remaining after 2024-2025 School Year			<b>\$ 37,454.81</b>

Currently, annual recurring expenses are expected to be \$15,000.

Principal Lowell report

- Grant proposal: Upper El Choir: Molly Pufall-Brown and Sharon Marrow are proposing to offer to teach choir to fill the gap of a regular music teacher until one is hired. Choir will be twice a week during the school day. Proposal is \$1200. Money will go towards materials (purchasing of music, either hard-copy or electronic/digital), accompanist if necessary, community building, and small personnel compensation for gas and time. Board voted: **APPROVED**
- Revisiting the idea of Music Parents and PAC funds to be housed under the Fund. We will follow up at the October meeting in more detail.
- The Greenhouse is complete. Matt Ray starts October 1.

PAC

- Equipment exchange went well at Fernwood Fest! This is something that can be done again.
- New basketball outdoor backboards and hoops are in and need to be installed.

Music

- ACE Program: new assistant principal Sandra Ceballos will be the contact person at Fernwood.

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### Fundraising

- Fernwood Flights on June 8, 2025: Maia and Amy will co-lead the event.
- Future golf event, mini golf?

### Additional items

- New Family Meet Up event was successful. We can expand it for next year if we use the same space potentially. Raised \$86 for the Fernwood Fund. Future discussion about when to hold the event (March board meeting).
- Eric will review the annual appeal letter.
- David will handle United Way and write something and send to Meredith to be included in the newsletter for early October.