

**Fernwood Fund Board
Meeting Minutes (11/19/2024)**



Fernwood Montessori School Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 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, Eric van Schyndle, David Eskra, Maia Schwartz, Angela Hill, Lorinda Flores, Principal Kristy Lowell
 Absent: Katrina Davis
 Guests: Ian Brown, Paul Schwartz, Amy Bennet, Amanda Lent

Minute’s approved from October meeting

Treasurer’s report

Possible Funds Available		\$ 63,255.91
2024-2025 School Year		
<i>Payables/Earmarked Grants for not yet paid/realized/in bank balance</i>		(27,069.00)
2024-2025	Urban Ecology	(5,800.00)
2024-2025	Upper Elementary Choir	(1,950.00)
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		\$ 36,186.91

- Brett has updates from the MPS foundation from July. He will be following up to make sure funds match.

Principal Lowell report

- No new grants, but some in the works
- Greenhouse update: Mr. Ray finished apple juicing - he met with most classrooms, Fernwood staff interested in taking a leadership role in the Greenhouse met –it will be a team run Greenhouse going forward so it doesn’t all fall on one individual/prevent burnout/easy transition if anyone leaves. Future happenings in the Greenhouse: creating biomes, creating an aquatic pond (simulated wetland), a learning lab (ex: students will be able to dissect flowers), creating a composting area
- Finances can be moved over from PAC and Music Parents -- will move forward in early 2025 to transfer

Music Parents (Molly present)

- First ACE visit of the school year today, upper EI choir to walk over to St Francis of Assisi to perform - this will fulfill grant requirements for Peter R. Marsh grant
- \$300 was raised from Bayview Bash

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PAC (Eric & Ian present)

- SWAG sale currently going on
- Fernwood parents and coaches will be meeting with MKE Rec on Friday to discuss policies

Fundraising

- Chili & Soup event: Feb 7 -- once the MealTrain website is updated send to the board for signs up, link going out in the newsletter week after Thanksgiving, flyers will go out in backpacks the first week of 2025, people who want to help with the event will do a separate meeting before December board meeting

Additional items

- Appeal letter: Amanda wrote a new appeal letter. Will send to Ben & Brett for review, can go out as a separate email via Meredith before Thanksgiving break.
- Fund website: Tom Sorce did the current website, Maia will follow up with him to discuss updates, maybe 7th & 8th graders/Mr. Grant could help with the website
- Scouts applying for a grant through the Fund: no was the consensus given that Scouts BSA is a separate organization and not a school one.
- Turf: Principal Kristy will ask when the design team is creating possibilities for the tot lot about possibilities
- Principal Kristy will solicit grant proposals from all teachers to see what teachers/students might be interested in