

UMSI Board Meeting

January 22, 2023 7pm

Board Members Present: Jess Davis, Kim Davidson, Laurie Stockton-Moreno, Katie Gerdts, Kathy Lause, Vyju Kadambi, Ines Oldenburg, Teresa

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Opening

- Jess reads the UMSI Mission Statement.
 - **Mission Statement:** With integrity, United Montessori Schools of Indiana fosters a community that supports, unifies, and advocates for the advancement of Montessori education.

Treasurer's Report

- Kathy will send Quickbooks reports with minutes. **Steady since November; Trine is paid; no expenses; no events**

General Items

- Kim Davidson, Oak Farm
 - Presentation on the life cycle of a nonprofit organization **Everyone is sharing their thoughts from the worksheet and the book**
 - **For an organization you want to be in a mature stage but rarely ever do you stay there**
 - **Send the top of the form to Kim so she can evaluate where we are; there are no right or wrong answers**
 - **Please send worksheet to Kim Davidson**
 - **Kim pointed out that she found that we may not always have used our financial opportunities to the fullest extent; There are soooo many that fund EC education. If we can make a strong case we can get other funders, and she will be willing to help us. Dekko Foundation does not want to be the only funder of one organization. UMSI has to be more strategic about it and bring others in.**
 - **Kim will send out stage 2 of the life cycle and this will give her the information to follow up with us.**
 - **Executive members will meet w Kim in March (3/28/23).**

Thought: Asking member schools for feedback of our work/service. How do they evaluate us?

- Update Official Committees List
- Changes to the Committee list were made;
- Fall conference, summer fundamentals, social justice are combined to Professional Development; motion was made by Ines, Vyju seconded the motion and all others in favor
- Discuss about Zoom account and Canvas; Kathy motions for paid Zoom account, Ines second the motion, all others in favor; Kathy is setting it up and adding it to the passwords
- Master List of Passwords-are we missing any? Access to those who need it?

Committee Updates

- Membership
 - Teresa updated us that they focus and contact people/schools around conference time to keep it less stressful and more organized
 - Invoicing and renewal of school and individual memberships is overdue
- Professional Development
 - IPS Fundamentals discussion
- Advocacy
 - BUILD/QIS
- Validation
 - New school validated (Community Montessori, public charter in New Albany)
- Governance
 - Governance committee is president, vice president, and secretary
 - We need to set an orientation for new board members
 - [Board Governance Manual Dec 1, 2020.docx](#)
 - President-Jessica Davis
 - Vice President (Interim)-Laurie Stockton-Moreno
 - Secretary-Ines Oldenburg
 - Director 3-Teresa Heaverin
 - Director 6 (Interim)-Vyju Kadambi
 - Director 8-Katie Gerdt
 - Other Board Members Continuing Terms
 - Treasurer-Kathy Lause

- Director 1-Greg Brubaker
- Director 4-Tiffany Fennig
- Total board members=9 (supposed to be 9-12 members, should have served on committee first)
- Social Justice
 - Who is on this committee? Is it active?

Other Business

Next BOD meetings: – Dates/Times

Mar 19, 2022

May 21, 2022

Jul 16, 2022