

UMSI Board Meeting October, 2019

January 12, 2020 7pm

Board Members and Staff Present:

- Vyju Kadambi
- Tiffany Fennig
- Carolyn Case
- Jamie Sellhorn
- Kathy Lause
- Jessica Davis
- Tara Franke
- Ines Oldenburg
- Nancy Brandtmiller

Other Community Members Present:

- Erika Eicholz

Vyju reads UMSI Mission Statement.

Treasurer's Report

- Quickbooks has been purchased and started
- Gave Carolyn report of all of last year through Friday
 - It shows a negative amount, but that is because Kathy is learning how to code things still. There is a balance around \$28,000 plus around \$800 in PayPal.
 - Report will be attached and go out with minutes.
 - Dekko grant will cover another month of Carolyn, then we will need to pull from our account for her salary.
 - Kathy mentions that if there is something we would like to see on future reports we should let her know.

IYI Strategic Plan Discussions and Review

- Board discusses committee member groups for each goal area.
 - Tiffany and Nancy will be added to Social Justice and Equity committee
 - We discuss book recommendations
 - Finance Committee

- Kathy hopes to have one current board member and also someone new join the committee; Vyju agrees and Jess will reach out to Quinn McAvoy
 - Membership Committee-Tara and Carolyn; Erika says she is interested in helping
 - Advocacy-Vyju, Jess, Ines, Tiffany
 - Validation subcommittee-Jess, Ines, Tiffany, Erika
 - Board Governance-Add Jess

Operation Manager Report

- **Fall Conference Committee**
 - Ivy Tech is booked.
 - Carolyn has been reaching out to possible keynote speakers.
 - Carolyn is reaching out for possible sponsorships.
 - Reached out to Kroger, Meyer, etc for donated tote bags.
 - Reached out to Ivy Tech Early Childhood Department to see if they want to co-sponsor the event.
 - Ines recommends Carolyn reach out to Trine University.
- **Grant Committee**
 - Ongoing work on grants; narrowed down to 40 and has been learning more, and Carolyn thinks there are 13 good possibilities (standards, deadlines, etc.)
 - One has a deadline at the end of this month, some are in March or year-round. Carolyn will be reaching out to Grant Committee.
- **Open Road Tour Proposal**
 - Carolyn discusses the plan she sent out for a face-to-face connections with schools around the state to learn more about what they need.
 - Would require some reimbursement for mileage from UMSI for farther away destinations.
 - Could potentially help with school sponsorship and validation opportunities.
 - There will be a social media campaign with school profiles.
 - Board agrees its a great project and asks what a ballpark amount of money needed for approval would be; Carolyn will send out to the numbers after she figures a rough total.
- **WFYI Contract**
 - Last year's advertisements were during Daniel Tiger on PBS during Montessori Education week.
 - Carolyn submitted for a proclamation from the governor in November and we should hear back soon about "Montessori Education Week".
 - Updating the voice-over for the 15-second spot.

- Costs \$1140, which is about what it cost last year.
- Carolyn will let schools know it will be on stations in their area.
- Jess moves to approve the expense. Jaime seconds. The Board approves.

Other Committee Updates

● Validation

- Tiffany talks about the evolution of the handbook, paperwork, and task checklist (including having the handbook reviewed by Denise Monier of MPPI), and the recent in-person meeting of the committee.
- Tiffany asks that the board approve the new handbook.
 - Jamie makes a motion to approve the new handbook and thinks the three roles will be better.
 - Tara seconds the motion. Board approves the new handbook.
- We currently have three schools in-process.

Advocacy

- INPEA came to visit Vyju's school (arm of CAPE).
 - Does advocacy work for non-public (non-profit) schools
 - Vyju hopes Montessori schools will join and create a jurisdiction.
 - John from INPEA is willing to have a Zoom meeting with Montessori schools to help explain why advocacy and lobbying is important in education.
 - Vyju would like to work with Carolyn to make sure as many possible schools attend this meeting.
 - UMSI is a little unusual because we represent a variety of schools (not only non-profit)
 - Jess and Vyju will be meeting with Eric, FSSA, IN DOE (March or April?)
 - Ines asks if he would be willing to do a workshop at the conference in the fall

Other Business

- Cincinnati and AIMS conference
 - AIMS is 2/21-2/22
 - Jamie, Vyju, and Jess plan on attending. Perhaps Tiffany, as well.
 - Carolyn wonders if we'd like to exhibit at AIMS instead of Cincinnati?
 - Vyju suggests we focus on AIMS this year, then decide for next year which one (or both) to do. Board agrees.
 - Kathy suggests Carolyn focuses on the "on the road" program, and Jaime go to AIMS to learn about the conference and "glean ideas".
 - Kathy moves to approve \$278 for Jamie's AIMS registration.

- Tiffany seconds; board approves.

Questions or Concerns

- none

Next meetings 7pm on:

- February 23
- March 22
- April 19
- May17