UMSI Board Meeting

May 15 , 2022 7pm

# Board Members and Staff Present:

* Carolyn Case
* Mark Nardo
* Jess Davis
* Kathy Lause
* Katie Gerdts
* [Erika Eicholz](mailto:mrs.eicholz@ourmsw.org)
* [Ines Oldenburg](mailto:ioldenburg@oakfarmschool.com)
* [Tiffany Fennig](mailto:tnfennig23@gmail.com)
* Laurie Stockton-Moreno
* Teresa Heaverin

# Opening

* Mark 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.
* Mark invites the board to recognize Carolyn. This is her last board meeting as Executive Director, and we thank her for all of her service over the last 5-6 years. She helped make UMSI what it is today.

# Treasurer’s Report

* Kathy will send Quickbooks reports to go out with minutes.
  + No big changes to report. We are “in the black” and looking forward to Fundamentals income.

# Executive Director Report

* Carolyn expresses that leaving the ED position was a hard decision, and that she hopes to continue to support UMSI as a volunteer/board member.
  + We vote to approve Carolyn as an interim board member once she is no longer ED, either in July or January (details to come after governance committee meeting).
* Registration is open for Fundamentals. Carolyn says presenters are almost finalized, and that starting the presenter call-out in February seemed effective.
* Fall conference is officially at Trine with a workshop day by a naturalist the day before at Oak Farm.
  + The naturalist may also be a good keynote speaker for the conference.
* Mark asks the board whether we should start trying to hire a new ED now or wait.
  + We discuss that we probably need to define the job and our budget more clearly first.
  + We discuss what type of person we are looking for, and people mention others they know who might be qualified/interested.
  + Mark asks June committee meetings to include going over Carolyn’s task lists and job descriptions and seeing if there is anything a committee can sustainably absorb instead of it being the ED’s job.
    - Carolyn will send task lists and links to folders, Mark will send job description.

# Committee Updates

* Advocacy
  + No time sensitive updates. Erika has stepped down from this committee.
* Validation
  + Tiffany updates the group that she has stepped down as chair, replaced by Ines. Tiffany asks Erika if she will support her in her Project Coordinator work, and Erika agrees.
* Governance
  + Mark will call a meeting in June to discuss the board election timeline.
* Social Justice
  + Book study starts in June.

Other Business

* Mark shares that Oak Farm has offered to support UMSI through support by Kim (an Oak Farm staff member) helping with grant writing.

**Next BOD meetings: – Dates/Times**

***Jul 17, 2022***

***Sep 18, 2022***

***Nov 20, 2022***