



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Zoom Conference Call

Attendees:

Present (18): Eileen Kim, Nicole Kwasniewski, Diane Viton, Debra Hess, William Finger, Shari Aser, Jaime Eisenberg, Laura Erickson, Daniel Fitzgerald, Mario Forlini, Eva Maria Janerus, Caitlin Kraus-Long, John Maus, Erin McCall, JP Muir, Kirsten Riemer, Laurie Tropiano, Nancy Weissler & Karen Chaplin

Absent (5): Grace Djuranovic, Hagar Chemali, Timothy Drinkall, Joui Hessel & Karen Oztemel

Total Board Attendance: 18 out of 24

Staff Attending: David Rabin, Jeremy Nappi, Robert Moore & Marlyn Rodriguez

Meeting called to order by Eileen Kim, Board Chair at 6:03pm

Welcome

Board Chair Eileen Kim welcomed Committee members and disclosed that they are looking to hold the next board meeting at an outdoor location – details pending.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary William Finger made a motion to approve minutes from February 17, 2021, seconded by Board Member Shari Aser. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report

CEO David Rabin opened the floor for questions – a board member requested an update on the search for a new office location. In response, David stated that he is waiting for leasing proposals and that the final move could happen any time between 90 – 120 days from now.

David then commenced his presentation about ECAGS and the Drive to 425 campaign with the help of GUW Staff members Jeremy Nappi and Robert Moore. They outlined program initiatives, procedures, and reported data from the Greenwich Public schools.

A brief discussion ensued about the Drive to 425 campaign at the end of the presentation. Notable comments include: Need for board member 425 talking points and Identifying a target audience.

Comments – Upcoming Strategic Planning Process

The Board Chair advised the committee that they are looking to review the Needs Assessment data and discuss potential initiatives in an upcoming meeting. Anyone interested in joining this effort must reach out to David or Eileen.



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Community Impact

Vice Chair Nicole Kwasniewski reported on the Grant Impact Reception – a virtual event held on April 20, 2021.

Nicole announced that the second round of CIP grants will begin in May and end in June. She also noted that they're forming a task force to discuss possible changes to the CIP grant application process.

Finance

Vice Chair Debra Hess reminded committee members that they can find the financial reports on the board member portal - let her or Jeremy know if anyone has questions. She then mentioned that the budget process will begin in the coming weeks - be on the lookout for updates.

Board Member Mario Forlini gave a quick report on the BDRF quarterly update – everything is on track.

Fund Development & Marketing

Vice Chair Diane Viton and Jeremy gave a summary of the annual campaign status and highlighted the following – GUW met 97% of its individual giving goal, 64% of its event goal and, 88% of its annual campaign total. They also commented that another donation solicitation will go out in May.

Following the campaign status report, Nicole announced that Brooke Baldwin - the speaker of this year's Sole Sister [SS] event - was interviewed for her segment. She briefly discussed other details about the SS event then wrapped up her report by sharing that they have sold 230 tickets and are close to \$100,000 in ticket sales.

Board Chair, Eileen Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting was Seconded by Board Member Debra Hess. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

Executive session followed.