

Friends of Morey
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 26, 2014

1. Welcome & Introductions

Members present: Melanie Herrera Bortz, Larry George, Megan Bertron, Jennifer Reich, Carol Bedin, Lynn Hartfield, Jennifer Heth. Welcome new board member, Stephen Crockett. Guest: Katie Gianatasio

2. Approval of January 2014 Minutes

Megan motioned to approve. Jen Heth 2nd. Minutes approved.

3. IRS 501c3 and Fiscal Sponsor Update

The IRS reinstated the 501c3 status of Friends of Morey, retroactive to November 15, 2011. FOM is no longer in need of a fiscal sponsor. The 501c3 status paper work will be changed on all auction forms and submitted to the bank, PayPal, Greater Giving, and posted on the FOM website. FOM needs to hire a new bookkeeper and ensure that annual 990 forms are filed.

4. Financial Update

FOM has an updated listing with the Secretary of State

Paid out liaison salary, lawyer fees for 501c3 filing, secretary of state, social worker and mini grants.

Jen will visit the bank to give updated 501c3 paperwork to eliminate fees. Larry will sign up for electronic statements and move money into savings for a better rate.

5. Auction Update

51 items donated to date (only 25% where we want to be) , valued at \$18,000. Donations tend to be about half of value. Megan will write letter to teachers and Jen/Lynn will remind teachers to donate by email.

6. Intersession Presentation

Katie Gianatasio presented intersessions and explained signup and funding expectations. The budget is \$30 per student from fees and \$30 per student from FOM. The school is missing intersession fees from about 100 students. The budget for each trip has not been finalized. If we subtract students participating in out of town trips, which families fully fund, there are approximately 460 students x \$30=\$13,800. This is the ballpark amount for FOM to support. Katie will come up with a more detailed budget.

7. Community Liaison Funding for 2014-2015

Lynn Hawthorne has requested \$17,500 from FOM to pay for a .5 liaison and the school will budget an additional .5 staff. The position would potentially be split to 2 people: 1 for community engagement and 1 for marketing/communications. The board discussed the possibility to pay as we go (installments) and also to get the money back that goes unused from Jen Heth's reduced hours. The board voted in favor of funding the .5 liaison position for next school year.

8. Review Mini Grant Applications

The board reviewed and approved one grant application from Diane Gaston for the Woods Technology program for \$300.

9. Succession Planning for 2014-2015

Melanie, Carol and Jennifer R. and Jen H. will all be leaving the board in June. The board discussed bringing on incoming 6th grade parents to the board in the spring. FOM will need a board president next year.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2014 3:00-5:00 pm at Morey.

April Meeting: April 23, 2014 3:00 pm

May Meeting: May 21, 2014 4:00 pm off site 17th & Pennsylvania

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm