

**MONONA GROVE NURSERY SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MINUTES: Monday, May 20, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** Teresa Bentler, Kate Brown, Donna Campanelli, Sue Carr, Meaghan Cibarich, Danielle Goldsmith, Kelly Griseta, Katy Kaufman, Sarah Kopczyk, Maggie Jakubczak, Kathryn Mingione, Brian Planey, Elisa Pohlman, and Jodi Schmitt. **Guests:** Lex Libertore and Tim Jordan.

**CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS:** President Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Introductions were done for both old and new board members.

**WELCOME TO LEX LIBERTORE AND TIM JORDAN (LEUCC):** Lex Libertore and Tim Jordan from LEUCC joined us to discuss the potential contract between LEUCC and Christ the Solid Rock Church. They stressed that it was not a merger but an alliance, and that CTSR will have a hybrid lease agreement and that the two churches will share a covenant to guide their partnership and shared ministries. We discussed the progress of their negotiations and also some of the building updates. If both congregations approve the agreement, there is a tentative plan for a move around September 1. Lex expects some potential media around an announcement in June or July. We agreed to collaborate/communicate about the security systems, as CTSR is interested in having more cameras around the church. They also informed us that their collective first priority was the updating of the sanctuary. We briefly discussed the sagging, wet ceiling tiles outside of the 4K room and the progress on the ceiling repair. Lex will get Sue a ceiling tile to have tested for asbestos.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

- (1) Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2019: April minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections.
- (2) Report from the School Director: Sue provided a written report in the advance packet. Key points include lower-than-usual enrollment in Toddler Time for this time of year and the possibility of using a new curriculum, if one can be provided at no cost through MMSD. She and the teachers are hoping to receive a review copy before they make a commitment to use it. Sue is working with Maggie over the summer to push Toddler Time, and she will keep the board up to date about the possibility of the new curriculum. Sue also mentioned that she would have a lawyer review the hybrid lease between the churches with our interest in mind, to make sure that our interests are protected.
- (3) Financial statements through April 30, 2019: We are in a typically strong financial position from this time of year. Brian fielded a few questions about the reports presented, including some from new members about the Sunflower Fund.

**ROUNDTABLE CHECK-IN / COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Among the key points to emerge from the roundtable check-ins: There was some discussion about the optimal date for the Spring Fling next year. Attendance was slightly down this year, and there was some speculation that late April starts to conflict with sports schedules, impacting many families. Group agreed that we should add a question to the survey to find out if March 21, 2020 works better than a late April date. Sarah expressed a concern about the length of the survey and asked to preview what goes out to families.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** None.

**ITEMS UP FOR A VOTE:**

- (1) 2019-20 operating budget: Brian fielded a few questions, and the board approved the proposed budget for 2019-20 as presented.
- (2) Action on CD maturing on May 22: Brian presented some information about current rates from Monona Bank and Summit Credit Union. He made a recommendation to move the maturing CD (valued around \$24,306.94 at maturity) from Monona Bank to Summit Credit Union, where we can get 2.25% interest in a 12-month term. Board approved this recommendation unanimously.
- (3) Slate of returning board members serving consecutive years: Our bylaws stipulate some term limits unless the board approves longer terms. So, the board approved the following motions:
  - (a) We approve the following longer terms for current board members continuing into the 2019-20 school year: Teresa Bentler as Events Coordinator (3rd year); Donna Campanelli as Purchaser (4th year); Maggie Jakubczak as Advertising Coordinator (3rd year); Katy Kaufman as President (2nd year); and Sarah Kopczyk as Vice President (2nd year).
  - (b) We hereby make an exception to the leadership succession dictated in the bylaws and call to add President-Elect to the title of Fundraising Coordinator Kathryn Mingione, who has agreed to serve as President for the 2020-21 school year. In doing so, we the board intend for her to be included as a member of the executive committee for the 2019-20 school year.

Meeting adjourned at around 9:00 PM. Next meeting is Monday, July 15 at 7:00 PM.