

**Monona Grove Nursery School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, March 20, 2023  
7:00pm**

**In attendance:** Kathryn Mingione (President), Sue Carr (School Director), Denay Czerniecki (Fundraising Coordinator), Nicole Smialek (Events Coordinator), Robin Smekal (Volunteer Coordinator), Chyna Benzine (Equipment and Inventory Coordinator), Sara Brelie (Secretary), Clint Cecil (Fundraising Coordinator), Brooke Logan (Treasurer), Sarah Hackett (Alumni Coordinator)

**1. Call to Order**

President Kathryn Mingione called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**2. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Minutes from February

Robin moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Denay seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. Report from the School Director

Sue reported that all classes are full for next year except Toddler Time, which is filling up nicely.

i. LEUCC Update - Sue updated the Board about meetings LEUCC has had about selling the building. LEUCC's congregation is voting on whether to sell the building at the end of 2024. If that happens, MGNS can remain in the building through the 2023-24 school year, but MGNS would need to find a new space for the 2024-25 school year. Sue has attended two meetings so far and will attend a third meeting this Sunday. Results of the vote will be known sometime after this Sunday's meeting. Sue reminded LEUCC that MGNS currently has leases through 2025 because that info was incorrect in some information circulated to the congregation.

The Board discussed how and when to inform the MGNS community. LEUCC has asked MGNS not share this info until the vote is complete. After that, the Board agreed it makes sense to tell families and alumni as soon as possible. Right now, MGNS is in a good position financially, and has a motivated and capable community for whatever comes next.

Sue also highlighted that staff is currently rewriting the MGNS behavioral policy to better reflect the resources we do and do not have for behavioral stuff. There is not always an adult other than classroom teachers around, so when a child's behavior needs to be addressed outside of the classroom, that has a significant impact on other students' classroom experience. Teachers will discuss this issue at the next staff meeting and focus on changes to the MGNS policy as part of the accreditation process

Grants for playground equipment were discussed. Sue mentioned that depending on where MGNS lands, it may be necessary to build a playground from scratch. Most of the equipment MGNS already has will not be able to be moved.

ii. Update from building search team

Chyna and Sarah Hackett have been making some calls, and they are going to see a possible location next Thursday. They have also begun conversations with a nearby school that may have space. They will continue working through a list of nearby churches, schools and other locations that may be suitable for MGNS in the future.

c. Financial Reports

i. Fiscal Year 2024 budget updates

Treasurer Brooke Logan reported that the draft budget has been updated to reflect current lease. The Board discussed ways to save money for a move and funds MGNS currently has available to possibly use for that purpose. The possibility of allotting some or all of this year's surplus to that was discussed.

### **3. Roundtable Check-In**

Fundraising Coordinators Clint and Denay reported that about 100 items have been donated to the silent auction so far. The dineout night at Qdoba went well, and the restaurant was easy to work with. Clint is reaching out to a few places for the brat sale, aiming for Memorial Day delivery. With that timeline, MGNS will need to start doing orders soon after spring break.

Events Coordinator Nicole Smialek discussed several Spring Fling details. Sue mentioned staff can make coffee on site if we have grounds instead of brewed coffee donations. Sue will check on supplies in storage so a purchasing list can be made for the rest. Sue will also be responsible for background music when David Landau is not performing. There is a teacher who will put together raffle baskets.

### **4. Items for Discussion**

a. Spring Fling (Saturday, April 15; 9:00-11:00)- Planning & Tasks

Details of the Spring Fling were discussed as part of the round table discussion.

b. 2023-2024 Calendar

Discussion of November election - It was decided that MGNS will inform parents that voting will happen at LEUCC on voting days, but the school will not close. The system for keeping voting and voters away from the school has been working.

Spring fling can be April 6 or 13 in 2024. It was decided that it will be on the 13th

### **5. Items Up for Vote**

a. Extension of Term for Presidency

b. Extension of Term for Vice-Presidency

c. Continuation in same role for a 3rd year - Secretary, Events Coordinator

Sarah Hackett moved to extend the terms for Presidency, Vice-Presidency, Secretary and Events Coordinator so that those Board Members can continue in those roles next year if that is how things work out. Brooke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**6. Adjournment** - President Kathryn Mingione adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm.