
PROJECT REFLECT

Board of Directors Meeting August 16, 2017 @ 5:30pm Meeting Minutes

Directors in Attendance: Eunice Bell, Rebecca Horton, Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell, James Holzemer, and Fr. John Raphael.

Corporate Membership in Attendance: Sister Sandra Smithson, OSF and Mark Faulkner

Call In: N/A

Board Liaison in Attendance: Lekita Stevenson

Guest: *Sign-In Sheet Attached*

Project Reflect's Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 5:4PM and Psalms 25 was the reflection rendered by Fr. John Raphael.

Review of Previous Board of Directors Minutes

A motion to approve the previous Board of Directors minutes was made by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. This motion was properly second by James Holzemer. This motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Guest

Leigh Strickland, *Prospective Board of Directors*

Juana Guerrero, *Prospective Board of Directors*

Lynora Ivore, *Director of Mid-Town Music Academy*

Mary Beth Callahan, *Kindergarten Teacher*

Administrators Report presented by Mr. Ahmed White (See attachment)

Mr. White is asking the Board of Directors to commit to raising \$74,000 in order to move our related arts teachers to full time and hire two more educational assistants. RIT is a mandatory requirement per the state. Therefore, we need more personnel in order to make this happen. Eunice Bell suggested that we check into possibly having a technology/medical coding program.

Interim Executive Directors Report presented by Mr. Mark Faulkner (Highlights)

\$188,00.00 in summer bridge loans were collected in order to cover summer expenses and we were able to start school August 7, 2017. Regions Bank has agreed to an extension on the current loan until February 2018. Regions Bank needs a resolution from Board of Directors and Corporate Membership in order for Mr. Faulkner to sign for the loan extension; renew and refinance up to a combined limit of one million dollars. Mr. Faulkner is trying to get Reading Success/Itty Bitty City revised so that it compatible to the 21st Century computer upgrades.

A press release was sent out based on a news article that went out concerning the status of SCA. All of the recommendations for closure mentioned in the article were made based on past years historical data.

Since then, we have made some actions to counter these recommendations:

1. Present a new renewal Charter Application to MNPS
2. Complete a New School Improvement Plan
3. Create a New Fiscal Budget/Plan
4. Make the necessary leadership/management changes
5. Obtain and Analysis Data using iReady and MAPS

Plan B will be to appeal to State if MNPS does not approve our renewal application. Project Reflect also needs to elect new Board of Directors with great connections and strong financial support.

Board of Directors Meeting Motions and Votes

A motion to sign the Regions Bank resolution was made by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. The motion was properly seconded by James Holzemer. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion to raise the funds in order to increase in budget by \$74,000 for staff increases was made by Eunice Bell. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion to reelect Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell, Eunice Bell, and James Holzemer for an additional year as Board of Directors was made by Rebecca Horton. The motion was properly seconded by James Holzemer. This motion carried unanimously.

Election of New Board of Directors

A motion to elect *Leigh Ann Strickland* as an official Board of Director was made by James Holzemer. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. This motion carried unanimously. Ms. Strickland declined membership on the Board at this time and wishes to serve as a potential committee member.

A motion to elect *Juana Guerrero* as an official Board of Director was made by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. The motion was properly seconded by Eunice Bell. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion to elect *S. Keith Hargrove* as an official Board of Director was made by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. The motion was properly seconded by Eunice Bell. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion to elect *William Hytche* as an official Board of Director was made by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. The motion was properly seconded by Eunice Bell. This motion carried unanimously.

Election of 2017-2018 Board of Directors Officers

A motion to elect *Fr. John Raphael* as *Chair* for the Board of Director was made by Rebecca Horton. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion to elect *Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell* as *Vice-Chair* for the Board of Director was made by Eunice Bell. The motion was properly seconded by Rebecca Horton. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion to elect *James Cobb* as *Treasurer* for the Board of Director was made by Eunice Bell. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion to elect *Rebecca Horton* as *Secretary* for the Board of Director was made by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. The motion was properly seconded by Eunice Bell. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell. The motion was properly seconded by Eunice Bell. This motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Board of Directors Meeting minutes were taken and presented by Lekita Stevenson, Board Liaison.