

WSCO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 10, 2017
6:30-8:30 PM, WSCO Office, 209 Page Street W.

Meeting Agenda:

- Public Comments
- Guest Presentation -- Teens Networking Together (no show)
- Guest Presentation -- Kali Freeman with the Riverview Library
- Consent Agenda
- Equity Rational
- Budget Approval
- Bylaws refresh
- 2017 Annual Meeting
- Position on support for inclusive financing
- Meeting reflection

Meeting Notes:

- Kali Freeman - manager of the Riverview Library - Aug 5 12:30-2pm
100 year celebration, block off George, will have cupcakes! -- if raining, will go inside
 - Planning to have a few listening sessions to see how they can continue to serve the West Side
 - Still looking for performers
 - They have yard signs
- Erin Stogen-Rockwell / Owen Hanson -- from Frogtown but didn't like Rondo ECFE so they moved to West Side ECFE -- leader of ECFE is being reassigned to a different site and they are here looking for WSCO to support a letter to board of ed and Donald Sysen who is over Community Ed a few others to support keeping the site lead for West Side ECFE
 - Decision was made after parents left for the year and made without any discussion to parents
 - Why is our experienced site lead being pushed into Highland when they requested an experienced site lead
 - West Siders for Strong Schools will be also submitting a letter
 - Many changes made to ECFE without discussion with the parents -- feel changes are being done to people not with people
- Friendly suggestion to add an item to the agenda to vote on letter of

- support for West Side ECFE
- We do not have and ED Finance Report prepared for the day
- Kareem motions to approve consent agenda, Nick seconds
- Outreach and phone bank 6-7:30 -- give calls to people that have signed up for things in the last year and a half to get them involved
 - Unanimously approved
- Operating Budget Update and Approval
 - Broken out into fixed and project/grant based work -- moving to an 18 month agenda
 - Fixed costs for 18 months are \$237k, monthly run is \$13-14k
 - Insurance -- we hold property insurance that covers our property and our events, we also hold director insurance -- we will get legal counsel to review -- Kerry will follow up
 - We had put \$2k from the city in the last budget for an audit -- since it will be more than that, we will hold the \$2k and plan for an audit next year
 - Opened a second bank account for restricted funds
 - Motion to approve the 2017 amended draft by Nick, seconded by Nicholas -- unanimously approved
- Review and Approval of WSCO Equity Investment Rationale
 - Louis moves to adopt with the amendment of adding the date of 2017, Alicia seconds
 - Nicholas amends to remove IN ORDER under point 3 and add a note about intersections, Kareem seconds
 - Unanimously approved
- Bylaws
 - Host a session to review and make amendments
 - Volunteers: Nick, Kareem, Krysten, Miguel, Louis
- Inclusive Financing - Alice
 - Something we talked at HEJ Committee
 - Important for cost savings at the household level and also opening up renewable energy to lower income households
 - Issues we face: Housing, health care, climate, police brutality, food access,
 - Inclusive financing looks to create fissures in bigger issues
 - For energy today how this works to get an assessment and then you need to get at your own financing -- this makes it unavailable to many people
 - Solar energy and other end up being savings for people that

- don't need it and you end up with pooling areas of wealth
- Inclusive financing largely launched in southern mostly red states by rural co-ops
- Also called "pay as we save"
- With Inclusive financing - same auditor would do the assessment and identify what would produce savings in a certain amount of time and that savings would be used to finance the upgrades and will reduce the energy bill day one
- financing is tied to the meter and not a person -- so it doesn't follow you
- Growing St. Paul movement, talking to City Council Rep, Mayor candidates, etc.
- Monica will get links and email information to share
- Monica read letter from HEJ to the city to support Inclusive Financing -- Kareem motions to support, Louis seconds, Unanimously approved
- Annual Meeting
 - Shooting for October -- need a committee
 - Need a theme
 - Need to decide on when and where
 - Focus on local businesses
 - Miguel, Monica Bryand, Abigail volunteered
- Added agenda item - position on West Side ECFE brought forth by the community
 - WSCO's focus is on policy change over specific cases
 - Krysten motions to write a letter requesting to St Paul School District to include the community on discussions regarding changes to these programs
 - Further discussion on how this fits with WSCO's mission
 - Voted and it didn't pass with 8 votes in favor
- Motioned adjourn by Kareem, seconded by Analita -- unanimously approved.

Attendees:

- Craig Willford
- Miguel Brito
- Jen Crea
- Monica Bryand
- Nicholas Novacek Bundt

- Analita Silva
- Kerry Mathews
- Krysten Ryba-Tures
- Joanna Lowry
- Tianna Reyes
- Alicia Lucio
- Abigail Dominguez
- Nick Johnson
- Kareem Smith
- Roxxany Armendariz
- Louis Garcia
- Monica Bravo

