

DREAMS Center for Arts Education
Board of Directors Meeting
26 August 2020

Call to Order by Board Chair, LaToia Brown at 5:40 PM.

Quorum Established.

PRESENT: LaToia Brown, Chair; Chasity Chace, Treasurer; Mike Williams, Melissa Baird, Maria Speaks, Lettie Shumate, Fran Scarlett, Bill Anylan, Kevin Blackburn, Executive Director; Amy Jeffrey, Scribe.

ABSENT: Jill Morris, Co-Chair; Fidias Reyes, Secretary; Patty Sutton, Marlon Ramos.

- I. Consent Agenda: July Financials and Board Meeting Minutes unanimously approved.
- II. Lettie and Melissa introduce themselves and other members introduce themselves to the newest members.
- III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Kevin:
 - Please refer to report sent via email.
- IV. FINANCES & OPERATIONS – Amy J.:
 - Net loss of \$1800 for July but not too far off budget numbers so far.
 - Fundraising events are “red flag” income sources that are up in the air currently.
 - Individual Contributions also lagging behind...funnel potential donors to Kevin!
 - Recurring monthly donations are growing and this is a real trend that can be very attractive to potential donors. Please suggest this method any time you can. It's great for cash flow!
 - FY 19-20 Audit will be delivered at September Board Meeting.
 - “The Foodio” is the new name for what was formerly known as The Learning Kitchen. The project is nearing completion.
 - Disinfecting and sanitizing the building is underway and the disinfectant sprayer is in hand.
- V. FUNDRAISING– Kevin and LaToia:
 - Kevin re-emphasizes that he is always available to speak to anyone or give tours.
 - LaToia describes a potential virtual Fall Festival with multiple stages that will be highly interactive and unique. Great opportunity for swag sales too. More details will be given after Fundraising Committee meets.
 - Bill recalls a Song Writer Contest that was considered a while back and suggests Melinda Cummings be contacted for details. LaToia will call Melinda.
 - LaToia asks for volunteers for the Fundraising Committee. Maria joins.
 - LaToia asks that all Board members please help Kevin perform the duties of his job by helping with Fundraising. Please send folks to Kevin for discussions, information, tours, etc.

VI. RACIAL EQUITY – Bill and Lettie:

- Bill shares that the committee is scheduled to meet every 3rd Thursday of each month. Committee Members are Bill, Co-Chair, Lettie, Co-Chair, Kevin, LaToia and Fidias. Please consider joining.
- Lettie elaborates on how integral this time is to be having these conversations. A training event is still in the works. Searching for the right trainer.
- Bill asks Mike to share the video “The Front Lines.” The video was powerful, moving, poignant and educational, to say the least.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Kevin will email the new Breastfeeding Policy out to all Board Members for vote via email responses.
- LaToia encourages everyone to assist with building Board membership and reminds that several existing members’ terms are coming to expiration.
- Bill suggests a retreat to revisit Strategic Planning. LaToia will look into a November retreat.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:52 PM.

Amy Jeffrey

Scribe for Board Secretary