

New Morning Nursery School
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday March 30th, 2020

- I. **Attendees:** Lindsay Suttin, Amy Hahn, Emily Kerrigan, Jodi Carlson, Kate Patterson, Emily Foster, April Denton, Suzanne Lee, Rebecca Anderson-Brown, Sarah Sherman, Katie Kothari, Sage Books, Brenda Chamberlain, Melissa Norstedt Ashley Russell, and Cherish Orozco.

- II. **Director's Report**
 - a. **Financials related to COVID-19**
 - i. Per the decision last meeting, teachers will continue to be paid the balance of the year.
 - ii. If we received no additional tuition for April and May that would leave us approximately \$50K short for the year.
 - iii. In looking at comparable preschools, Meeting House is not asking for tuition from families whereas Orchard Ridge is, except in the case of financial hardship.
 - iv. The CARES Act, as a part of the recently passed stimulus package, may allow New Morning to take a loan which could be converted to a grant, but the details and timing of that are unclear.
 - v. The board discussed a variety of options including asking all parents to pay, suggesting partial payments, and using the future fund. So as not to significantly deplete the future fund and in order to support paying teachers and other minimal operating expenses, the board arrived at the idea of asking parents to continue paying tuition if they're able but allowing parents to opt out if needed due to financial hardship. For now, this would be for the month of April only. Cherish motioned, Melissa seconded and the board unanimously approved. ***UPDATE** - April circulated a draft of language with the board via email the following day. After collaborating on edits, April sent this out to all New Morning families.
 - vi. The board will reconvene next month to discuss May tuition.
 - b. **Family Dine-Out** - April suggested the board choose not to deposit the \$300 check from Gates & Brovi received from the family dine-out night. Kate motioned, Ashley seconded, and the board unanimously voted in favor.
 - c. **Spring Auction**
 - i. Overall, this was very successful. The committee did a wonderful job pivoting to the 32Auctions online platform and several board members shared positive stories about the Zoom meeting portion, bidding wars, and items they were able to win.
 - ii. The silent auction portion itself earned \$9,182. Raffle and event tickets earned \$1165 + an additional \$975 from EventBrite. Separately, \$3,078 has come in for the future fund throughout the year so overall, our total is presently \$14,400 less any remaining expenses.

- III. **Other - Remote learning**
 - a. The board agreed this is going well.
 - b. Rebecca asked if there are other things teachers could be doing. A few members suggested Zoom meetings or other online meet-ups. The teachers offered to look into options.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20th @ 730pm via Zoom Meeting