UMSI Board Meeting

October 18, 2020 7pm

Board Members and Staff Present:

- Carolyn Case
- Mark Nardo
- Jess Davis
- Tiffany Fennig
- Kathy Lause
- Ines Oldenburg
- Vyju Kadambi
- Jamie Sellhorn
- Erika Eicholz

Mark reads the UMSI Mission Statement.

Mission Statement: With integrity, United Montessori Schools of Indiana fosters a community that supports, unifies, and advocates for the advancement of Montessori education.

Board Vacancy

- Vyju's VP role is open, and Tara has also resigned from her Member position effective Friday. That creates two vacancies that will need filled.
    - Vyju will stay on through December as an advisor.
- Gregory (from last meeting) emailed Ines that he is interested in helping the organization, and Mark will follow up with him to see in what capacity he would be willing to serve.

VP Position Vote

- Vyju nominates Jamie Sellhorn to replace her as VP.
- Jess seconds.
- Motion passes with 7 yeas and one abstention (Jamie).

Treasurer's Report

- Deposited some membership dues.
- Will follow up with Chase about possible PPP loan.
- We need to generate revenue.
- Kathy will send Quickbooks reports to go out with minutes.
- Kathy will send out the finance charter for review and approval.

Executive Director Report

- See September Report (sent Sunday afternoon of meeting)
- Update on Montessori Homecoming Week
  - Some sponsors have signed on.
  - Positive response regarding the "pivot" of the event.
- Carolyn has been getting responses from Advocacy survey regarding licensing/barriers to licensing.
- Mark mentions that he connected with an AMI representative (Samantha Lavine) that is reaching out to state organizations.

Other Committee Updates

Governance Committee

- IYI will be giving 10 more hours of consultation, and one focus will be succession planning and onboarding practices.
- Jess will send the Board Manual out. Mark suggests it go out with a google doc to record questions and concerns to help guide a discussion and possible adoption at next month's meeting.

Advocacy Committee-

- Advocacy committee has met to discuss action steps and possibilities, and will be meeting with Denise Monier from MPPI to do a 5-year strategic plan for advocacy projects on October 20th.
  - Vyju will connect Jamie with Lisa Clifford to begin FSSA work.
  - A survey went out regarding licensure barriers to Indiana Head of School
  - FSSA/DOE doc went out to mailing list to raise awareness.
- Licensure is important for Montessori schools. It accesses funds and ensures their continued operation, as the exemptions for licensure change.
- VOTE on charter

Validation Committee-

- Tiffany would like the board to approve an "expiration date" for applications that never get followed up on by the school after they are initiated.
  - Jamie suggests a year for an expiration period.
- We discuss that some schools' original validations are expiring and we need to get the renewal process up and running. Jess is working on a renewal packet.
- We discuss whether updates to things like the validation handbook need to be board votes, or just presented for discussion by the committee. Mark says that it needs to be "consent and informational".

- Going back to the one year expiration date on an application, the board consents and the committee will make the change.

Membership Committee-

- A new chair is needed, as Tara has resigned.
- Carolyn- New Committee Member Recruitment- Looking to the Future
- Right now the committee consists of Vyju and Tiffany (with Carolyn), and it needs some new members. We discuss reaching out to people who have expressed interest in serving on committees. Committee will need to meet.

Other Business

- Creation of a committees calendar (Tabled to next month due to time)
- Revenue Brainstorm (Tabled to next month due to time)

Next meeting: – Dates/Times

November 15
(Meeting schedule will not be extended until discussion of the board manual and related calendar changes next month)

Meeting adjourn – 8:09 PM