# UMSI Board Meeting

January 24, 2021 7pm

## Board Members and Staff Present:

- Carolyn Case
- Mark Nardo
- Jess Davis
- Kathy Lause
- Ines Oldenburg
- Erika Eicholz
- Tiffany Fennig

## Closed Session:  Board Vacancies (7-7:15pm)

- Mark reviews the slate proposed by the Governance Committee to full current 3 vacancies.  Board was provided applications and resumes to review before the meeting. The Governance Committee proposes that Laurie Stockton-Moreno, Greg Brubaker, and Teresa Heavrin be voted on as Board Members.  This would be an interim term, and they would be voted upon again at the next annual meeting to begin their first full term.
- Mark discusses plans for tracking terms as we move forward with our new manual.
- Jess moves to approve all three board members, Kathy seconds, and it passes unanimously (7:0).

7:15
Newly voted upon board members Teresa Heavrin, Greg Brubaker, and Laurie Stockton-Moreno join the open session of the meeting.  Mark summarizes the closes session and welcomes/congratulates/thanks them.

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.

Mark leads the group in introductions and discusses our connections with IYI etc.

## Treasurer's Report

- Kathy will send Quickbooks reports to go out with minutes.
    - Only expenses were ED salary and a small reimbursement.  Need to bring in money, but we're ok for now.
- PPP Loan Discussion

        - A challenge may be that Carolyn is not paid as an employee (contracted, self-employed); may mean that we are not eligible for a PPP loan.  Her salary has been reported historically as “non-employee compensation”.

## Executive Director Report

- Membership
    - Teresa will be helping with membership
    - Adding organizational membership
    - Virtual continuation of the “Montessori road trip” planned last year
- Trine
    - Webinar for offerings coming soon
- Summer Training
    - Discussion of using the week of July 19
    - Discussion of splitting ages into three locations for reduced gathering size (perhaps being all together for the overview beginning, perhaps even those would be divided into age groups)
- Fall Conference
    - Trine may be willing to co-host/sponsor the fall conference!!!  More information to come.

## Other Committee Updates

### Advocacy Committee

- No new updates

### Validation Committee

- Updating paperwork systems and streamlining procedures while not able to go into schools

### Social Justice

- Jamie is interested in gathering the committee to brainstorm next projects

### Governance Committee

- Procedure for board slate (November)
- We discuss what documents need to be disseminated to new board members and that we need to focus on onboarding new members well.  Mark suggests a small group of officers and ED meet with new board members.

## Other Business

- Creation of a committees calendar
  - Jess mentioned that we set a goal to do this at the last meeting and committees need to still establish their calendars.
- Revenue Streams
  - Mark, Jamie, and Carolyn are planning to look at new grant opportunities

**Next meeting: – Dates/Times**

***March 21, 2021***
***May 16, 2021***
***July 18, 2021***

**Meeting adjourn – 8:03 PM**