



### **Announcement:**

## **Meeting of the Willow Bend Environmental Education Center Board of Directors and Guests**

**August 12, 2024**

**4:30-6:00 pm**

**4:30-4:45** Welcomes, check in's  
Present-, Jana Sterling, Eric Souders, Melissa Eckstrom, Jillian Worssam, Ash Shields,  
Grant Mohn, Mary Mckell, Ariel Leonard, Melanie Colavito, Andi Rogers

**4:45 PM:** Call Meeting to Order

**4:49 PM:** Public Comments  
No Public Present

**4:50 PM:** Review and approve July minutes  
Ariel Motion  
Mary Seconded Approved

**4:50 PM:** Director Report/Financials  
\*\* See documentation document

### **Social media update**

-Ideas being generated for fundraising: Walton, Mighty Arrow, kid wind and partnership with Star School, Puente..

-Arizona Community Foundation 27.000.

### **PARTNERSHIPS:**

-Boys and Girls Club, Tynkertopia. Works in Progress

-Grant and possible river trip opportunities and looking at partnership grant writing partnerships

-Gordon and Betty Moore Program as possible funder through Melanie and possible partnership with NAU and wildland fire ecology initiative

### **ADMIN UPDATES:**

-Ash being trained on Quick books, and Program Reports

-New Staff member hired, Alex Babinski. Great background skills

-New Environmental Ed person with Forest Service interested in possible partnering with Willow Bend, possibly invite to September board meeting to develop partnership.

**FINANCIALS:**

- See Attached Documentation

**Additional funding from CNRCD from past partnerships 12, 000.**

**5:18 PM: Program Report/Updates/Upcoming Board Needs**

**\*\* See additional documentation**

**-Finished many summer programs, 12 Road Scholar Programs, great science Saturday with the Five C's, NAU Lumberjack Camp, LOTS of July programs**

**BOARD Needs**

**New board name tags, shirts being distributed**

**-6:00 – 8:00 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, pm Mushroom Workshop. Jillian Board presence**

**-Need Board member for the last San Francisco Peaks Time tour. September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**-FFOS coming up in September: Science in the Park. Andi and Ariel available to do science in the park on September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**5:30 PM: Strategic Planning Update**

**Postponed - Melanie and Grant to join planning team. Plan 4:30 to 6:30 for next September board meeting and continued planning and discussion**

**5:36 PM Items not on the agenda**

**-Board roles, Mary will stay as treasurer. Andi is current Vice President, and need to recruit for President. Ok- New format Andi will be president and Eric as Vice President.**

**Motion for Andi to become President and Eric as Vice President**

**Ariel made a motion.**

**Seconded Jana**

**Approved**

**5:44 PM Board member time tracking**

**-coming soon, to track board member hours Continued to next Month's agenda**

**5:46 PM Next steps, Vote to Adjourn**

**Mary Motion**

**Eric Seconded. Approved**