



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 14th, pm Mushroom Workshop. Jillian Board presence
-Need Board member for the last San Francisco Peaks Time tour. September 15th
-FFOS coming up in September: Science in the Park. Andi and Ariel available to do science in the park on September 21st

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