

Friends of Hawthorne Board Member Meeting - DRAFT minutes

4/5/22 6pm – 7:30pm via Zoom

Attendees: Tommy Gregory and Casey Gregory – co-Presidents; Emily Glass – co-Treasurer, Corin Lianides and Leann Gorman – Secretaries, Aimee Loucks – Member at Large, Communications; Andrew Fiore-Gartland - Member at Large, Bria Knowles – Member at Large, Katie Berman – Advocacy lead

Quorum achieved and meeting kicked off by Casey, president. Corin reviewed minutes from March 2022 meeting and were approved as written.

Introed all on the meeting. Ms. Miller (family support worker) is unable to join call due to sickness

Advocacy update – Katie Berman

Jenny Miller’s items (from Katie and Karen): rent support, food support, 1:1 counselor support – all being currently supported. Would like to get grant writing support – Linda has spoken with Ms. Miller re: support for the grant writing. Family mentor, peer-mentoring connections.

Katie is looking for people who can help to support advocating to keep Ms. Miller’s role due to budget cuts. Please email her. (Linda, Katie, Karen, Reese opted in)

Katie is working to put together a second townhall with our Legislators – hitting a roadblock for a May 5 date due to lack of support for interpreters and logistical needs. Any leads?

Treasurer’s update – Emily Glass

Budget planning is currently occurring – calling for input – open to full community – was sent via email to listserv. Will need to go out via email and school direct text. Emily and Casey will also go to 4/20 staff meeting to request input. Sustainable annual budget around \$125k

Will need to push out the review of draft budget to May and final vote to June, from April and May.

Emily showed February budget review on screen.

Treasurer motion: I motion to move \$7,900 from the Covid flexibility fund/line item in our 2021/2022 budget to cover the remaining invoice amount for the Artist-In-Residence contract from 2019.

Approved 13 yes, 0 no

Treasurer motion: I motion to approve \$3,000 from the Covid flexibility fund/line item withing 2021/2022 budget to the line item for the Annual Toy Workshop

Approved: 13 yes, 0 no

School budget and funding - Casey

School budget comes from enrollment. Enrollment for next year is currently low so this impacts budgets significantly. This may be an interim lull which refreshes itself in later in the Spring often. Goal is get to 400 students – this would allow buying back up of resources.

Will likely lose staffing, including Asst. Principal to half time, 1 K class, possibly librarian 1 or 2 days/week, family support worker.

Please encourage community to get enrolled in school due to budget issues.

Fundraising Committee – Angela

Direct ask – raised \$77K, more than the original goal, with less expenses associated than auction fundraising.

FOH 2022/2023 Board Nominating Committee -

Motion: Bria moves that Sara Robitaille and Devin Bruckner be the 2022/2023 FOH Board Nominating committee

Approved: 10 yes, 0 no

Casey adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.