

Madrone Trail Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2015 5:30 pm

Book study chapter 8

Meeting begun 5:45pm

Present: Perry Hart, Lorraine McDonald, Katherine Holden, Amy Rudolph, Mark Sievert, Hannah Jackson, Jane Higgins, Lynn Sullivan, Joe Frodsham

Minutes taker: Katherine Holden

Public Interview Board Applicant Louise Laverne

Lorraine: What makes you want to serve on the board?

Louise: An opening has presented itself and I like to take advantage of opportunities. My life has shifted some, and if I can support the school at this time, I feel like I am open to serving in this way. I have always been willing to jump in when opportunities present themselves, it feels like a calling right now. What is my value to the board? I'm not interested in keeping the books, but I am willing to be a magnet for what wants to come through right now.

Hannah: What do you enjoy or appreciate about the school community?

Louise: As a parent, I'm in it. And it's exquisite! I'm really appreciating a school environment that is helping students and parents come into who they are. I really enjoy the heart of it!

Perry: Have you been involved in any committee work?

Louise: I've done some committee work before, I've run a business, but I don't have a need to be in charge of anything. I'm not doing this because I have a need, but because I think I have the opportunity to serve.

Jane: Louise has been a big part of a lot of our class projects and all the plays over the last few years. She works really great with the kids, and does yoga with the students. She is always able to help whenever I have asked her for help.

Mark: Do you have any vision or dreams about where the school could go next?

Louise: I love the idea of helping teachers access tools that will help them be more aware of their own foundation so when they come to the classroom to help students and can find their own foundation, they can access it. I'm willing to facilitate workshops or classes that would help parents and teachers be more efficient with the tasks at hand and pass the baton with grace and ease. Also, as a fundraising idea, I want to establish some Madrone Trail Days with some businesses—a day a month that the business gives a portion of their proceeds to Madrone Trail and then we can advertise these businesses and recommend to parents that they shop at these businesses (perhaps by making a directory). I'm a big idea person. I'm very willing to make contact with people.

Lorraine: Do you have any questions for us?

Louise: I was glad to get that information from you because that was helpful to better understand what the commitment is. Wednesday evenings are a little hard, but once a month is doable for me.

Lorraine: We are very excited that you are interested in being on the board. You're welcome to stay for more of the board meeting tonight.

Thank You

Sarah and Russell Bevers
Jessica Bray
Kim Sabo
Sarah Trujillo

Board Faculty Get Together

Friday, December 5 at Bella Union 5:00 p.m.
Katherine will lead a slightly facilitated moment.

Fundraising Committee/Auction Update: Julie Furrer's report

Julie Furrer is heading up the Auction this year.

Date: Saturday, March 5

Location: Rogue Valley County Club

Theme: Speakeasy

The committee is looking for sponsors from the board members and would love have all the board members attend the auction and buy a table and bring friends to the event.

(See more details on attached notes)

Lynn can email the Google Doc to everyone that lists the businesses we are soliciting for donations.

Teachers are starting to think about their class projects for the auction and some teachers are looking for artists in the community that would want to work with the class on this.

8th Grade Interviews

Lorraine and Amy have contacted their families. The stories they have already heard have been very positive.

Director Search

Our first candidate will be coming for a second interview on December 9, 10, 11. The hiring committee will send out a schedule of events for these three days.

Follow Up On Alyssum's Letter

- Possibility of an OSBA Training in March or April.
- Tracy will send out another Doodle Poll for when something like this would work for everyone.
- Seems like we are interested in similar goals to the ones that she mentions: parent complaint process and constant turnover in committee members.
- Faculty would really love to see a Capital Campaign process.
- As a school community we need an inventory of our needs so we have a more clear picture of what a capital campaign could target.
- What are our roles?
- The Rudolph loan will be paid off in two years.

- We could make contact with the Steiner Foundation who gives loans for projects to initiate this relationship (do they give loans to charter schools?)
- Joe will start to compile a more concrete list of what it is that the school “wants”

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Resume Board Meeting

Action Item

Lorraine motioned to approve a \$5000 raise for the School Director for 2015-2016

Lynn seconded the motion

All in favor: Katherine, Mark, Lynn, Lorraine, Amy

All opposed: None

Action Item

Amy motioned to nominate Louise Lavergne for a two-year term on the board

Mark seconded the motion

All in favor: Katherine, Hannah, Amy, Lorraine, Perry, Lynn, Jane, Mark

All opposed: None

Joe's Update

Tracy will still be gone for a while

Joe's is thinking about what Alyssum will do for her non-sabbatical time once she returns.