



**MINUTES**  
**VSWEA Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 22, 2023  
VIA [Zoom](#)

**Members Present:**

April Sauer (AS)—Secretary  
Dan Franks (DF)—Treasurer  
John Tanner (JT)  
Nellie Grossenbacher (NG)

Ashley Parks (AP)  
Myriah Mhoon (MM)  
Danielle Martinez (DM)

**Members Absent: Ben Fong and Kerstin Kubina**

The Treasurer and Secretary were present, and a quorum was reached.

**Guests**

Invitees of the Board:  
Frank Mirizio (FM)

Members of the public present via Zoom/Registration through Google Forms:

Deb  
Tammy/Tom  
Michelle Kratzer

**Opening Verse/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. DF read the opening verse and welcomed the attendees.

The Board members introduced themselves as well as FM.

**Executive Director Updates**

FM We have 6-8 new students starting after break, so that's great. Parent Council sent out invitations for the gala. This is going to be a world class event. It's going to be a wonderful evening.

**Proposed Motions**

DF moved to approve the 10/18/23 regular meeting minutes. MM second. No further discussion. Votes in favor: DF, AS, JT, NG, MM, AP. Abstain: DM. **Motion passes.**

DF moved that the Board accepts the resignation of Kerstin Kubina sent via email on 11/06/23. AS Second. No further discussion. Unanimous vote in favor: DF, AS, JT, DM, NG, MM, AP. **Motion passes.**

## Continuing Business/Open Issues

### New Business

#### Elections

AS moved to elect Dan Franks as Board President of Valley of the Sun Waldorf Education Association. DM second. No further discussion. Votes in favor: AS, JT, DM, NG, MM, AP. Abstain: DF. **Motion passes.**

DF moved to elect April Sauer as Board Vice President of Valley of the Sun Waldorf Education Association. NG second. No further discussion. Vote in favor: DF, JT, DM, NG, MM, AP. Abstain: AS. **Motion passes.**

DF moved to elect Myriah Mhoon as Board Treasurer of Valley of the Sun Waldorf Education Association. AS second. No further discussion. Votes in favor: DF, AS, JT, DM, NG, AP. Abstain: MM. **Motion passes.**

DF moved to elect Ashley Parks as Board Secretary of Valley of the Sun Waldorf Education Association. DM second. No further discussion. Votes in favor: DF, AS, JT, DM, NG, MM. Abstain: AP. **Motion passes.**

DF moved to reelect John Tanner as a regular board member for another one-year term. AS second. No further discussion. Votes in favor: DF, AS, AP, DM, NG, MM. Abstain: JT. **Motion passes.**

DF moved to reelect April Sauer as a regular board member for another one-year term. MM second. No further discussion. Votes in favor: DF, JT, DM, NG, MM, AP. Abstain: AS. **Motion passes.**

#### Proposed 301 Plan

DM Has this been approved by the teachers and LDC?

FM The only change that's been made was the year. The 301 committee met, and now it's just a formality to get it approved by the board.

DM No feedback or suggested edits?

FM The LDC doesn't make that decision. That's up to the 301 committee.

AS moved to approve the 301 Plan for 2023-2024. MM second. No further discussion. Votes in favor: DF, AS, AP, NG, KK, MM. Abstain: JT. **Motion passes.**

### ERC Planning

MM I'm curious to see if we want to put forth prep work regarding ERC. I shared my document to see if that's something that's valued so that we're not in a panic at the meeting. And were we going to ask Monique to pull some forecasting or options for us?

FM Yes, and we discussed that maybe we should have a small committee to have some ideas to present at the meeting.

MM Do you feel like the ERC conversation is the same as the full budget forecasting?

FM Our negative is down to 18k which is way down from where it was a month ago. If I get 8-10 more kids--that's not horrible. We were front loaded with bills. We get little pots of money that comes in, so we're looking better. So if we stay calm and keep our wits about us, we can start discussing plans. A few board members should meet before our board meeting in December. Then we can prioritize in January.

AS We have the ERC discussion on our calendar for January, but I think it works to start with the committee and have a brief discussion in December before we meet again in January.

FM Can I see who would be willing to be on this committee?

MM, AP, and DF agreed to work with FM in this capacity.

FM will contact them for possible meetings.

### **Announcements**

DF Fall Gala invite came in the mail. I was very impressed with the quality and graphic design. That is on 12/9/2023.

MM Is it an email or snail mail.

FM It's snail mail, and it's really well done.

DF The next board meeting 12/13/23 at 6:30pm via zoom.

DF moved to adjourn the 11/22/23 VSWEA board meeting. AS second. No further discussion. Unanimous vote in favor: DF, AS, JT, AP, NG, KK, MM. **Motion passes.**

### **Closing Verse**

AP read the closing verse.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Prepared by AS on 11.22.2023.