

# Youth On Their Own

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 22, 2020

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

**Board Members in Attendance:** Elaine Babcock, Tony Cazzato, Sean Denlinger, Linda Montes-Cota, Sean Murray, Eva Murzaite, Jay Peskoe, Deb Salaiz, Kristina Scott, Michelle Singer, Julie Stevenson, Bill Stoffers

**Staff Members in Attendance:** Daniela Figueroa, Kim Flores, Bethany Neumann, Matthew Palmer, Deb Ramsey, Elizabeth Slater

**Guests:** Enrique Aldana, Viviana Fimbres, Lorenzo Gonzales, Amanda McCraw

### 1. Call to Order / Welcome

Jay Peskoe

Jay called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm and facilitated introductions of board members and guests.

### 2. Mission Moment

Kim Flores

Kim shared an update about YOTO alumna, Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez. A 2014 Flowing Wells graduate, she received three degrees from University of Pennsylvania in 2018. Her latest exciting news is that she will be releasing a book entitled *My Side of the River*. Her website is <https://elizabethcamarillo.com/>.

### 3. Review and Approval of August 27, 2020 Minutes

Eva Murzaite

Motion to approve 8/27/20 Minutes: Bill Stoffers

Second: Deb Salaiz

Discussion: None

**Vote: Approved unanimously**

### 4. CEO Report

Elizabeth Slater

Elizabeth shared that Sean Denlinger will be receiving the Spirit of Philanthropy award at the virtual National Philanthropy Day event on Friday, November 13 from 3:30-4:30pm. Board members will receive an invitation.

Other good news included:

- Over \$197,400 in Survivors' Grant funding has been approved for current and former YOTO students who have experienced domestic violence and have been financially impacted by COVID-19.
- We're working with Bank of America to announce the 2020 Neighborhood Champion award at the Fall Event.
- Over \$43,000 was pledged through the SW Gas Fuel for Life employee giving program this year (nearly a 10% increase over last year).

Elizabeth also provided an overview about how staff are doing and shared the many ways YOTO is responding to staff needs.

## **5. Approve Finance Report**

**Julie Stevenson/  
Matthew Palmer**

Julie and Matthew reviewed the finance summary provided to the board with no concerns. Matthew shared that HBL will attend the next board meeting to discuss the FY20 audit and the inclusion of the Hamilton/Staley bequest of which we were recently notified.

Motion to approve Financial Report: Bill Stoffers

Second: Elaine Babcock

Discussion: None

**Vote: Approved unanimously**

## **6. Patricia A. Tarr Trust Annuity Resolution**

**Julie Stevenson/  
Matthew Palmer**

Motion to approve board resolution to reinvest interest from the Patricia A. Tarr Annuity at CFSA: Bill Stoffers

Second: Deb Salaiz

Discussion: None

**Vote: Approved unanimously**

## **7. Program Update**

**Daniela Figueroa**

Daniela noted that the YOTO enrollment figures are down due to:

- COVID-19 (remote learning, lower overall school enrollment, social connections lost, communication challenges)
- YOTO Portal (late start, new system, access to training)
- YOTO enrollment process (new process, more follow-up, new tracking & record-keeping)

Daniela reviewed the new enrollment process in detail and how it relates to the Scale to Impact goals of the Strategic Plan. She also explained the expansion of enrollment criteria to include a category of youth who will receive "stability services."

Expectations for the rest of the year:

- COVID will be a factor all year – lower school enrollment means lower YOTO enrollment
- Communication will be a barrier, we are proactively working to "find" YOTO students
- We will see an increase in enrollment but total numbers will be lower than last year (expecting 1,500 annual enrollment)

## **8. Fall Event**

**Bethany Neumann**

Bethany explained that the Board can assist by selling raffle tickets. She will be in touch with them to record a short video clip for the event.

## **9. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.**

**Jay Peskoe**

Jay reminded members to let him know if there are any questions around the Activity Reports they received recently.

Submitted by Deb Ramsey on behalf of Eva Murzaite, Secretary.

I certify these minutes were approved by the Board of Directors at the November 19, 2020 board meeting.



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Eva Murzaite, Secretary

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Date

12/07/20