

**Youth On Their Own
ANNUAL MEETING (BOARD RETREAT) MINUTES**

Saturday, July 31, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Elaine Babcock, Tony Cazzato, Sean Denlinger, Viviana Fimbres, Lorenzo Gonzalez, Tom Hoyt, Amanda McCraw, Linda Montes-Cota (virtual), Sean Murray, Jay Peskoe, Paola Ponce, Deb Salaiz, Kristina Scott (virtual), Michelle Singer, Julie Stevenson

Board Members Absent: Enrique Aldana, Amanda Kippert

Guests: Deb Dale

Staff Members in Attendance: Daniel Armenta, Daniela Figueroa, Matthew Palmer, Deb Ramsey, Elizabeth Slater

1. Call to Order

Jay Peskoe

Jay called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

2. Review and Approval of FY2022 Board Officers

Jay Peskoe

FY22 officer slate presented for board approval:

President: Sean Denlinger

President-Elect: Julie Stevenson

Past President: Jay Peskoe

Treasurer: Deb Salaiz

Secretary: Linda Montes-Cota

Motion to approve FY22 board officers as proposed: Jay Peskoe

Second: Sean Denlinger

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved unanimously

After the vote, Sean took over facilitation of the meeting.

3. Welcome and Goals

**Sean Denlinger/
Julie Stevenson**

Sean welcomed the board and reviewed the agenda. Julie shared the goals for the retreat.

4. Review and Approval of May 27, 2021 Minutes

Linda Montes-Cota

Motion to approve 5/27/2021 Minutes: Jay Peskoe

Second: Elaine Babcock

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved unanimously

5. Finance Report

**Deb Salaiz/
Matthew Palmer**

Deb and Matthew reviewed the finance summary provided to the board with no concerns. YOTO is healthy with a burn rate of over 17 months. Note that over \$1.5M from checking account was recently invested.

Motion to approve Finance Report: Tom Hoyt

Second: Jay Peskoe

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved unanimously

6. Review and approval of FY2022 Committee Assignments

Sean Denlinger

The board reviewed a list of all committee members, including board and community representatives. They also reviewed the individuals to serve as committee chairs for FY22.

Motion to approve committee assignments and committee Chairs as presented: Tony Cazzato

Second: Deb Salaiz

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved unanimously

7. Team Building Activity

Sean Denlinger

Sean led a team building activity which required everyone to share one fun fact about themselves and the other members tried to guess whose fun fact was being read.

8. Presentation – Engage! We Need and Love You!

**Deb Dale/
Sean Denlinger**

Deb presented a short video on board member roles and responsibilities. Sean reviewed the Board Member Job Description form which was signed by all present. Deb and Sean led discussion about the annual board self-assessment. Board members articulated personal commitments for FY22.

9. Informal Parliamentary Procedure

Sean Murray

Sean reviewed a handout on basic parliamentary procedure practices.

10. Updates on Strategic Priorities

Staff

Board members rotated through four stations for updates on board priorities:

1. New building purchase
2. Strategic plan
3. Strategic partnerships funding
4. Donor engagement (where they were able to record a thank you video)

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Sean Denlinger

Submitted by Deb Ramsey on behalf of Linda Montes-Cota, Secretary.

I certify these minutes were approved by the Board of Directors at the August 26, 2021 board meeting.

L. Montes-Cota

Linda Montes-Cota, Secretary

8/26/2021

Date

