

WONDERBLOOM BOARD MEETING

01/09/2023 Location: Wonderbloom Murray 1580 E Vine Street

Attendance: Sarah Stone (Executive Director), Robbie Stone (Board Chair), Jenn Pardue (Secretary), Ryan Shumpert (Treasurer), Nate Friedman, Bobbi Taylor (Board co-chair)

Minutes by Jenn Pardue

1. Sarah welcomed everyone and reviewed the meeting minutes from September 21, 2022 Board Meeting. Sarah will redact a set of minutes for publication and send them to the Board for review. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, the Board approved the September 21, 2022 minutes.
2. Sarah provided updates on happenings since the last meeting on September 21st. Child Care Compliance Grant funded a new playground structure. A new part-time supervisor was hired; Shauna Tuiono. Shauna has over 11 years experience teaching. Sarah and Nate are working together to find Interns. Nate informed us that it has been hard to fill internships on UofU campus, so it may be difficult to fill them off-campus. Nate will have a finished year end performance evaluation for Sarah at the next board meeting. He will use Sarah's self-evaluation and reach out to other board and staff members. Sarah has completed the brokerage account application which was submitted last week, Ryan will be the contact once it is processed. Bobbi will begin research on the account policies for the brokerage account to present to the Board.
3. Ryan provided a summary of overall performance and budget expectations for September – November 2022. [REDACTED]

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A CPA is preparing to submit taxes due January 15th and post the 990 tax return. Sarah is working on a template for the Annual Report and showed the Board included items and topics. Sarah will provide a final draft.

4. Sarah shared with the Board a thank you letter from a parent and discussed updates and highlights for the four mission values.
 - a. Mission 1 - Child Access
 - i. Wonderbloom served 61 children last quarter. 25% of students and staff are BIPOC. Wonderbloom provided free nature-based activities to approximately 500 community members at the Harvest Festival in October.
 - b. Mission 2 - Educator Implement
 - i. Wonderbloom teachers completed a training from Nature Explore for how to use the outdoor classroom.
 - ii. Lianna, Director, developed multiple trainings for educators on nature-based ECE.
 - c. Mission 3 - Research Enrich
 - i. Sarah working on an ASU grad student committee

- d. Nature Advocate
 - i. Sarah connected with orgs across Utah to advocate for ECE and childcare. They are: Voices for Utah Children, Waterford Upstart, Promise Partnership (w/United Way), and the Child Care Advocates group.
 - ii. Lianna will attend Child Care Day on the Hill on Jan 27, an advocacy day at the Utah State Capitol building. Wonderbloom students and families will color pages and write letters to give to legislators.
- 5. Sarah discussed the status of fundraising events (Oaki, Mabels Labels, Amazon Smile, Giving Tuesday) and showed a preview of a video filmed for the upcoming annual fund campaign. Robbie updated the Board on the Project Elevate Childhood (being renamed Raising Stewards of the Planet) proposal to the Garbett Family Foundation. Sarah announced all favorable and positive feedback from the recent Stay interviews conducted with the staff. The Board has been asked to provide a biography and photo for the website.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20th 6-8 pm. Meeting materials are due March 10th. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.