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**Moody Early Childhood Center**  
**BOD Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 24, 2019**  
**10:45 a.m.**

In Attendance: Betty Massey, Jeri Kinnear, John Prochaska, Angela Brown, Erica Adams

Absent:

Staff: Karin Miller, Greg Howell

Guests: None

Ms. Massey called the meeting to order at 10:45 am. On a motion from Ms. Kinnear and a second by Dr. Prochaska, the minutes of the December 28, 2018 board meeting were approved as distributed.

Ms. Massey called for public comment, and there was no one present who wanted to make any remarks to the board.

Mr. Howell and Ms. Brown presented the financial reports on all MECC accounts and responded to board members' questions. On a motion from Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Kinnear, the financial reports were accepted by the board unanimously.

Mr. Howell reported that he has been unable to elicit a response from GISD's business office regarding payments due to MECC. Ms. Massey will now contact Dr. Moulton to see if she can access this information.

Mr. Howell presented the Yaga Children's Museum fund request; on a motion from Ms. Brown, with a second by Dr. Prochaska, the board unanimously authorized submission.

Ms. Doherty and Ms. Brown reported on the Finance Committee's discussion regarding community-based fundraising, recommending that MECC not undertake a time-consuming individual solicitation project. Out of the discussion that ensued came a suggestion that, instead, MECC approach Moody Gardens, Schlitterbahn Water Park and the Galveston Pleasure Pier about conducting a "MECC Day" during which a portion of the proceeds of that day's business is donated to MECC. The board liked this approach, and Ms. Massey will follow up.

The Finance Committee also discussed the idea of adding a Development Director to the MECC staff, and this idea will be included on the agenda of the upcoming planning meeting. Ms. Kinnear reported on the most recent Scholarship Committee meeting, answering questions from board members as she made her report. Due to a lack of funds in the Capital account, Ms. Kinnear withdrew any consideration of additional front office upgrades.

Ms. Miller reviewed her report which is an attachment to these minutes. She drew the board's attention to the PreK3 assessment scores, the opening of PreK3 registration and answered several questions about the professional development project.

Ms. Massey asked if she could address items on the agenda that were her responsibility to facilitate since it was becoming clear she would need to leave the meeting prior to its conclusion. The board was agreeable so she proceeded with the following:

- a. Ms. Massey began her report with a description of a request to the Permanent Endowment Fund of Moody Church that she was in the process of preparing. On a motion from Ms. Kinnear and a second by Dr. Prochaska the board unanimously approved submitting a \$200,000 request to the PEF to fund a combination of scholarship and family engagement for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.
- b. Ms. Massey confirmed that Ms. Brown and Ms. Doherty were going to serve as greeters and registrars for the Ruby Payne workshops the following day, reporting that 52 people had registered for the morning session and about 30 for the afternoon.
- c. Ms. Massey suggested that it is time for short/mid/long term planning to commence and proposed at least a two-step process that would begin the week of February 4th with a meeting devoted to developing the questions that need to be addressed in all 3 timeframes, the information that would be needed to be able to reach resolution on the questions and the assignment to staff and board members to gather that information. The Board set February 5th at 8:30am in Betty's office for the question/issue gathering meeting and Friday, February 22nd at 10:00 am at the library for a facilitated discussion of the questions.
- d. Ms. Massey reported on the GISD planning committee meeting held earlier in the month, telling the board that she provided Ms. Miller with a copy of the draft facilities assessment that had some \$12 million in upgrades and repairs identified for San Jacinto campus. She emphasized that this is a planning document, not at all the final resolution of GISD's plans for future facilities. She also reported that the medical clinic with Teen Health was stalled with UTMB, Sealy Smith Foundation and Teen Health needing to sort out differences in approach. Meanwhile, Dr. Prochaska has developed and Ms. Miller will be distributing a needs survey to MECC families to ascertain the services that would be most useful in the clinic.
- e. Finally, she told the board that she and Ms. Miller had visited with Dr. Jennifer Goodman and her staff at Odyssey Academy regarding the Pre-K program; Odyssey will encourage its families to look to MECC for infant and toddler education and will offer MECC's discounted rate to its employees to meet their needs for early education; MECC will make sure that its families are aware of the Odyssey option.

Ms. Massey left the meeting at this time, and Ms. Kinnear took the chair.

Ms. Doherty reported that the video from the Ball High students was still in development with some changes. She and Dr. Amber Brown, chair of the Advisors, are working on both recruitment and orientation in advance of the late February Board of Advisors' meeting.

Dr Prochaska requested that all board members fill out the Conflict of Interest Statement prior to leaving the meeting and also stated that he would have the changes to the by-laws for the next MECC meeting.

Ms. Kinnear and Ms. Adams informed the board of roles that MECC could take supporting early childhood education at the Texas legislature in the current session. Ms. Kinnear proposed that MECC support a request to the legislature to fund all day Pre-K 3 and 4. Ms. Adams proposed that MECC join a much larger team at Commit Dallas that supports changes to the overall education system in the state. Ms. Brown made a motion that we approve both Ms. Adams and Ms. Kinnear's proposals. Ms. Doherty seconded and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown stated she would report on the status of the dental health initiative at the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.