

GMSS Board Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2023

Virtual

Attendees (board): Sarah Henshaw, Janet Bruner, Michele Streeter, Megan McCartney.

Attendees (Staff): Elizabeth Walters, Sonja Hazen, Danielle Tinker

Attendees (invited): Elizabeth Lundberg, Amber McGonis

Agenda item	Summary of discussion	Actions taken	Follow up
Meeting began at 5:40			
Mission Moment			
Review and Approval of October Meeting Notes		Motion to approve: Megan. Second by Michele. Unanimous 'yea'	
Audit Presentation	<p>Amber McGonis presented the GMSS audit, which had no substantial findings.</p> <p>PPT shared with board for further review. Discussion questions:</p> <p>Clarified that the audit is external. Question if the audit firm get audited, to which Amber noted their firm gets externally audited every three years.</p> <p>Amber noted that many boards ask how they compare to other SSA/DA organizations.</p>		
Recruitment of New Board Members	<p>Janet and Michele have placed ads in FPF and Megan will do so soon. Janet spoke with a person of interest and will invite them to speak to Sarah if there is continued interest. Megan has had conversations with two potential members and will be continuing the conversations.</p> <p>Janet asked if we could recruit past staff or family member. We noted we can and should consider that route.</p>	<p>Board members will consider who they have in their networks who might be a good board member and do some initial outreach.</p> <p>Board will also re-post on FPF following the holidays.</p>	
Secretary Role	Michele noted interest in filling the empty position, to which she was nominated.	Megan motioned to have Michele Streeter in the Secretary position. Sarah seconded. Unanimous 'yea'.	

Executive Director Update	<p>New Quality Director starts in November.</p> <p>*GMSS was asked by the Commissioner to provide emergency crisis support to a gentleman whose life was disrupted by the flood. GMSS can offer case management only at this time but has also offered their vacant Johnson property if there was available staffing from other entities to staff it.</p> <p>*Staff at GMSS is very excited about the new logo. Roll out will happen in early January.</p> <p>*Elizabeth would like the Board to be aware that DIAL has been initiating mandates and is placing future projects on the plates of GMSS.</p> <p>*Preliminary feedback on Developmental Services Quality Review is very positive.</p> <p>*Adult Services Division will do a review with the anticipated start of first week in December. Elizabeth is predicting a good review.</p> <p>*Asset change: Subaru has been sold to a dealer. We are deferring buying a vehicle. We are eligible for a rebate in lieu of tax credit. Waiting until January 1st as the rules will change. There is a new grant that provides up to \$2,500 for battery operated vehicles. Elizabeth has applied.</p> <p>*Elizabeth asks Board members to please send headshots for Bios. No pets or others in picture. Sarah asked Board to send her the headshots and she would send them to Mary.</p> <p>*Share Point set up will be completed soon. The Executive committee will have access.</p>	<p>Motion to approve the new logo put forth by Dave. Megan seconded the motion.</p> <p>Unanimous 'yea' vote for new logo.</p>	
Executive Session	Board did not go into Executive Session.		
Next Meeting	Sarah will survey availability of board to determine if we hold a Dec meeting or not.		
Public Comment	<p>Sonja is happy to be at our meeting and glad to hear about all the positive happenings at GMSS.</p> <p>Danielle is also glad to have attended.</p>		

The meeting ended at 6:44 pm. Next meeting will be TBD at 5:30, virtually.