

GMSS Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

Virtual

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

Attendees (Staff): Elizabeth Walters

Attendees (invited): Shannon Burbela, Elizabeth Lundberg

Agenda item	Summary of discussion	Actions taken	Follow up
Meeting began at 5:35	.		
Mission Moment	Board members noted moments over the past month that they took actions that furthered the mission of GMSS.		
Review and Approval of September Meeting Notes	Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the Sept 2023 meeting (last in-person meeting before the winter)	Megan motioned to approve the minutes. Michele seconded the motion. Unanimous 'yea' vote.	
Finance Committee Update	Treasurer Dave shared August and September financial documents, with support from Shannon from Aris. Both Dave and Shannon noted that GMSS is in a much better financial situation over the past months, with September and August showing an overspending related to BIAVT. The Board congratulated Elizabeth and Aris and team for their hard work over the past months in stabilizing the financial status of the organization.		
Recruitment of New Board Members	Sarah noted to the board that with the departure of Shaylee and her son, we are no longer in compliance with the DAIL requirement of 51% of board members being consumers or family members of consumers. Sarah noted she reached out to James McAffrey, but he is stretched thin currently. Clarified that there are no financial penalties for being out of compliance.	Sarah will send FPF ad for board members to post in their communities. Board members will consider who they have in their networks who might be a good board member and do some initial outreach.	Will discuss any potential board members at Nov meeting and further outreach steps.

	Board discussed potential ways of recruiting, including using our own networks to identify potentially good members, posting a FPF ad, and writing a LTE requesting support.		
Secretary position	With Shaylee's departure, the secretary position is open. None of the board members present are interested at this time. Will consider how to fulfill the duties of the secretary in upcoming meeting.		To discuss during November meeting.
Executive Director Update	Covid flexibilities are coming to an end, with potentially significant impacts on our finances. Elizabeth is working with DAIL and sister organizations to figure out how to mitigate impacts. More to come on this. Elizabeth asked the board if we would consider a new mission statement. Board is interested in having a discussion about a new mission statement and re-branding and will have a discussion during upcoming meetings.	Motion to approve the new logo put forth by Dave. Megan seconded the motion. Unanimous 'yea' vote for new logo.	
Executive Session	Board went into executive session at 6:25 and came out at 6:49pm	Megan motioned to go into executive session. Dave second. Unanimous 'yea' vote.	
Next Meeting	Review of next meeting time and date.		
Public Comment	No members of the public were present.		

The meeting ended at 6:39 pm. Next meeting will be November 19,2023 at 5:30, virtually.