

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2018

Present: Aisha Basith, Christa Spates-Bell, Amanda Campell, Abbey Cook, Arun Karumanchi, Jay Scholl, Joshua Smith, Jana Stevens, Rebecca Herz.

Guests Who Were Present: Ben Messina, Erin Pike.

Minutes prepared by Wendy Ferguson.

Absent: Polly Barton, Emily Cahill, Colleen DiGiallonardo, Laura Gleissner, Richole Ogburn, and Lisa Vondale.

Review of Minutes: January minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Copy of report was given to each board member and reviewed by Arun Karumanchi.

HopScotch Report: Committee Co-Chairs Ben Messina and Erin Pike provided an overview of the event held on January 25. Event was a success with increases seen in both revenue and total tickets sold.

Director's Report:

- New Collaboration with Bradley University's Art in the Environment class.
- Students will transform the sand porch and outside plaza area into a temporary environmental art installation.
 - Recyclable plastics will be collected from now until the end of March for use in the installation.
 - Art installation is scheduled to remain up throughout the summer.

Peoria Park District Report:

- Strategic planning is ongoing.

Board Chair Report:

- Development Steering Committee will be formed.
- Board mixer to be hosted by Polly Barton on March 20, 2018.

Nominating Committee: Still need a chair for the Development Steering Committee. It was noted that board members are permitted to be on more than one committee.

Events: Specific event committee chairs have individual events well managed. Board event committee will focus on policy direction. Next meeting is the end of this month.

Communications: Statement read from communication chair. Committee is currently on a short hiatus while PlayHouse staff implements changes. They will resume meeting every other month as soon as staff finishes.

Old Business:

- “Fossil Rocks” still continues to be a work in progress.

New Business:

- Board member Jay Scholl shared his reasons for supporting the PlayHouse. The PlayHouse’s reputation and the opportunities for children to have hands-on learning experiences were two key factors.

Formal Adjournment: 12:04pm