

## Scattergood Friends School Committee Meeting Open Minutes 18 March 2023

Conducted via Zoom

### Mission Statement

**Scattergood Friends School challenges students with a college-preparatory curriculum, farm experience, a shared work program, and community living in the spirit of Quaker faith.**

Members Present: Ruth Hampton (clerk) Roy Helm (assistant clerk), Laël Gatewood, Kris Hilgendorf, Katie Jacoby, Alex Lippitt, Eric Stakland, Kent Tjossem, David Wilcox, George Bergus, Linda Corbin-Pardee, Karen Greenler

Staff Present: Kim Jones, John Zimmerman

Regrets: Aaron Woolfson, Matthew Gillespie, Nancy Jordan

We opened with a period of silence. Clerk Ruth Hampton, shared the following message:

*“Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't.”*

*-Pete Seeger*

**MINUTE: We approve the minutes, open and closed, of the 21 January, 2023 meeting.**

**MINUTE: We approve the minutes of the 31 January, 2023 Open Special Meeting**

May 13<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting: Michael Luick-Thrams' bus museum about the Scattergood Hostel will be in Tipton this weekend. Michael invited us to visit the museum on Saturday afternoon. If enough people stay over, there might be activities Saturday evening and MFW on Sunday am. **Please let Ruth and Jessica at the main office know, at least two weeks in advance, if you will be staying over.**

**MINUTE: We approve the dates for next year's School Committee meetings:**

- Sept 16
- Nov 4
- Jan 20, 2024
- Mar 16
- May 11
- Jul 23 (Tues of IYMC)

**For the March meeting, subcommittees are urged to meet during the week before spring break (March 4-11) so staff are able to enjoy their break. Scattergood commencement will change from Sunday to Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> for 2024.**

Please let Ruth know if you intend to continue serving on School Committee and what subcommittees you are interested in sitting on.

**MINUTE: The HR subcommittee will send out a self-evaluation for the School Committee soon and results will be presented in May. Please respond promptly as this will be part of the ISACS Self Study.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Admissions Report:*

Admissions will develop the 2024-2025 tuition schedule to be brought to the full SC meeting in May. This will be a several year plan, but only the '24-'25 year schedule will need to be approved. Iowa's voucher program will need to be taken into consideration. The current legislation is moving very quickly and may have greater implications for Scattergood than was apparent initially, which could require further discernment. John is committed to keeping our students safe and free from harm.

#### *Consultation and Finance:*

We reviewed the operating statement and have, this year, reduced our annual deficit down from (\$72,920) to +1,050. Personnel costs and a few other costs have increased minimally but there are no great surprises. Most of this change is due to the Employee Retention Credit money and good stewardship; the Measey money has been set aside and does not figure into the operating statement.

A separate checking account has been set up to put aside the Autenrieth money and the Measey Funds. There is likely to be another bequest that would also be put in that account.

**MINUTE: We approve allowing Consultation and Finance subcommittee to chose whether we use Everence or Friends Fiduciary for short-term investment of funds from the Comprehensive Campaign, for the extra funds from the Measey Foundation and maybe other bequests. The SC is leaning towards Friends Fiduciary.**

The clerk moved the meeting into closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Greenler  
Recording Clerk

Next Meeting Dates: May 13 weekend, Jul 25 (Tues of IYMC)

Proposed Dates for 2023-24

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