

The Ivy School
4212 NE Prescott St
Board of Directors—Regular Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2014

Board Members Present: Anne O’Neal, Johanna Keith, Billy Ladd, Kari Wax,
Rebecca Keith, Dave Stevens, Adam Smith, Alby Salsa

Administration Present: Mary Zigman

Observers: Amie Chally, Sue Rideout

6:00pm: Meeting called to order.

6:01pm: Anne moves to accept April, 2014 board meeting minutes. Dave seconds, all members in favor, motion carries, minutes accepted.

6:15pm: Capital Campaign update given by Sue Rideout. The letter writing event has been a great success. Hundreds of letters were mailed out. Donations have started to return. Sue and a group of parent volunteers will establish face to face contact with families at both campuses and drop off and pick up in an effort to reach every Ivy family.

6:25pm: Admin Report given by Mary Zigman. After establishing a relationship with the owner of the lot adjacent to the Prescott Campus property, we have learned that there are currently no plans for development within the next three years. The soil is not suitable for gardening, but the out-of-state owner is interested in allowing The Ivy School to use the property.

The outdoor spaces at both campuses will be updated with funds donated by the PTA (raffle and Read-A-Thon Fundraisers). Students at the Prescott Campus created a beautiful mosaic that was based on a Rivers theme. The Morris Campus will receive 7 raised beds for inclusion in the outdoor classroom being built at that location.

Mary discussed some upcoming staffing changes as well as calendar changes.

Mary requested that the board research and outline ideas to strengthen the school’s safety and security practices for both campuses.

7:05pm: Outreach Committee update presented by Billy Ladd. Billy plans to meet twice monthly with folks on the Outreach Committee. Ideas for boosting Ivy’s diversity in lottery applicants includes

- search engine optimization

- setting up an info table at community centers staffed with friendly Ivy Folk during festivals/busy hours, especially in the Fall and Winter

- participating in Montessori in the Square this July

- reaching out to the Salvation Army Community Center located near the Morris Campus

-Look in to the possibility of altering the lottery to give weight to applicants from diverse backgrounds

7:19pm: Treasurer's Report given by Adam Smith. Account reconciliations are up-to-date. The negative balance that shows on the handout is due in part to ODE Payment Schedules (payments not yet received) and the Arts Tax disbursement. Budgeting is looking good for next year and will reflect more accurate spending needs. The bottom line is that we are on track to make the balloon payment due later this summer.

7:25pm: Anne O'Neal stepped down from her position as secretary of the board.

7:30pm: Report from AdvancEd External Accreditation presented by Mary Zigman. The Ivy School is doing great!

7:59pm: Members discuss and vote on Amie Chally joining The Ivy School Board. Dave makes a motion to accept her application, Rebekah seconds his motion. All members in favor of Amie joining the board.

8:00pm: Dave Stevens stepped down from the board. The board shared apple cider, toasts and well-wishes.

8:10pm: Meeting adjourned