

**Urban Prairie Waldorf School**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2018**

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7:00 Open session

Board member in attendance:

Heather Berhalter

Peg Kern

Michael Levine

Rey Phillips

Dan Ryan

Ted Shieh

Sharla Stewart

Dan Trainor

Community members in attendance:

Jennifer Baird

Matt Harris

Gina Joslin

Gerold Lee

Jewel Minor

Michael Moriarty

Dona Nishi

Johanna Rohde

Rocky Talwar

Faculty members in attendance:

Glenda Ding

Ashley Ingal

Bailey Johns

Adriana Kondrat

Shabath Leidy

Jillian Miller

7:10 Meeting started

Berhalter led the group in eurythmy.

Kern read a verse.

Minutes for December and February were approved.

There were no question on Trainor's report from last month.

Berhalter and Kern previewed upcoming events of interest to the UPWS community.

Berhalter gave an update on Early Childhood Education enrollment. Signs are positive that we will have a full classroom. Only one of our applicants had also applied to City Garden (and in the end chose City Garden).

Berhalter reported that the school safety and insurance policy was sent out within the hour. Gerold Lee said the policy appeared standard. Lee also volunteered to assist the school on this topic in the future.

Stewart gave a facility update. The firm of an architect whose child is at Noah's Nest is working pro bono on a five-year plan for us.

Kern reported that an extended community member, Heather Presley-Cowen, owner of CED Services, has offered to donate time pro bono to UPWS to help us achieve our financial goals for the new building, including identifying short term resources and developing long term resource strategies.

MOTION: To accept the pro bono proposal of CED Services. VOTE: Approved.

Chicago Waldorf School (CWS) wants to mention UPWS in its high school materials. CWS now has recently purchased a permanent facility. Towering Oaks High School Working Group, represented by Dona Nishi at the meeting, voiced no objection to CWS's request . UPWS Board consensus was that we have no current issue with CWS using our name for its current strategic planning purposes. UPWS will continue to review this position periodically and amend as necessary.

7:45 p.m. Nishi read a letter from parents of eight (later, nine--Nishi informed the Board Secretary that Debbie Ryan also wished to be included as a signatory) of the fifteen children. The letter is included as an attachment at the end of the minutes. This was followed by a discussion.

9:05 p.m. Closed Session