

**Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 26, 2007 10am**  
**VIA Phone Conference Call**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Present: George Abrams, Michael Bishop, Linda Johannesen, Karin Newlin, Sharon Sutton, Verna Dauterive

Absent: Marissa Chibas-Preston, Elise Buik

Quorum? Yes.

Also Present: Mary Ann Gallo, Tammy Stanton

**PROCEEDINGS:**

- George Abrams called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
- Abrams asked for any comments or questions on the budget which was distributed.
- Verna Dauterive says she was happy to see the changes in teacher salary.
- Karin Newlin explains how the changes in the teacher salary came to pass. A teacher had accepted the new position but in examining the stresses of the commitment, she opted out. She loves the school & wants to stay in contact. Perhaps if the opportunity arises next year, it will work then.
- Abrams asked if there were any other questions on budget. He asks about money designated for special ed if it is not used, where does that \$\$ go?
- Tammy Stanton & Newlin clarify how that money was allocated. Newlin asks if the \$\$ allocated for “shadow” was put in instructional aide category.
- Abrams wonders if that aide money is not used, is it possible to create a special ed reserve fund for any need in the future.
- Michael Bishop asks what the expectations are for special ed costs, will the costs exceed the revenue? Newlin says the costs are not great now.
- Bishop advises judicious use of any reserve funds because if a student with special needs enrolls you will have to find the money whatever reserve it comes from.
- Abrams moves to approve the 2007/2008 budget. Bishop seconds. All “aye.”
- Newlin presents on a teacher candidate who is from Illinois. She has most recently been teaching K & 1<sup>st</sup>. She comes highly recommended & with great knowledge of building reading skills. She will be helpful to other teachers. She will teach 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- Newlin also wants to hire Renee.
- Abrams moves to hire Judith & Renee as teachers for next year. Bishop seconds, all “aye.”

- Abrams presents on the afterschool program. All recommendations from committee as well as Newlin are to go with E3.
- Linda Johannesen asks what made E3 clearly better than the other two candidates.
- Newlin says one company, The Star, that they liked withdrew its application & said we could be waitlisted. She adds that the 3rd company was formed by the two women who had been running the LFCSA program.
- Abrams moves to accept E3 for a one year term. Johannesen seconds. All “aye.”
- Abrams raises subject of financial handbook. Stanton says she was waiting on feedback. Bishop says that he thinks it is a good start, adding that variables will affect/change it over time. Bishop says he would happily recommend its being put into play & suggests the Board read it. Newlin concurs, it should be approved & changes can be made down the line.
- Abrams will e-mail a copy unless otherwise requested.
- Abrams moves to approve fiscal handbook. Bishop seconds & all others “aye.”
- Stanton says the con-app needs to be approved by 6/30.
- Stanton says LFCSA con-app is fairly simple, we qualify for Title 2 & Title 5.
- Abrams moves to approve Con-App part 1 for 07/08. Bishop seconds & all others “aye.”
- Abrams & Newlin discuss approval of 07/08 School Calendar.
- Abrams moves to approve Calendar & will make changes as needed. Bishop seconds. All others, “aye.”
- Newlin presents on ExED contract. She read it very thoroughly & feels it looks good.
- Abrams moves to accept ExED contract. Johannesen seconds, all others, “aye.”
- Abrams wishes all well for the summer & will be back in touch in August to schedule September meeting.
- Bishop wants to know if there will be a Fundraising calendar. Abrams says that there will be soon – grassroots goals are set, & they are setting the pledge drive goals now.
- Johannesen asks about fundraising opportunities with Wells Fargo. Abrams says they are developing. He adds that they are working with the Ahmanson Foundation.
- Newlin thanks all for their hard work, adding that it has been an amazing year.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Minutes submitted by Mary Ann Gallo.