

Minutes for EENM Board August 2nd, 2023

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84581972288?pwd=S016S1U3R09GdnhZaDk5MDIZNUtxdz09>

Present: Shantini Ramakrishnan, Steve Glass, LuAnn Kilday, Marcela Talamante, Noelle Chavez, Susan Shipull, Amanda Keith, Shelby Bazan, Kirsten Couevas

Absent: Olivia Marin, Marcia Barton

Staff: Allison Martin, Carlos Matutes

Official meeting start time: 6:04 by Steve Glass

- Intros and Icebreaker
 - New board member joined! Marcela with Dulce School district, community liaison.
 - Icebreaker: what's been your favorite part of the summer?
 - Steve - having a new granddaughter!
 - Carlos - was the garden...
 - Amanda - growing a baby!! <3
 - Shantini - training center for wildfire resilience funded!
 - Susan - got to go to Orlando to visit an elementary school and see their garden set up who grow lettuce for the MANATEES at seaworld! AND got to feed the lettuce to them!!
 - LuAnn - yard growing back!!
 - Shelby - sitting next to the pool
 - Allison - running teacher workshop with Susan (the dedication!) and a trip to Red River.
 - Kirsten - Flyfishing in Tierra Amarilla with family
 - Noelle - Being more in community and building connection and was nice to reconnect on the in-person piece of work.
 - Marcella - spending time with family
- Consent agenda, [July meeting minutes](#), [July Financials](#)
 - All approved by Steve, second by LuAnn, unanimous
- [Director's Summary](#), [Statement of Activity for July 2023](#)
 - Ongoing projects: Marcella offered to help out for Northern NM community practice, will figure this out this week.
 - Crafting fundraising plans...
 - Aug 26th - outdoor classroom garden event. Yay Allison and Susan!
 - Sept 22-24- EE Camp, check out newsletter for info. Attendee driven event/speaker series with a few keynote speakers. Everyone should take part in some way.
 - NAAEE Conference in Oct.- EENM has 3 presentations that are pre-recorded. Remote conference. Talking about outdoor learning toolkind, EE camp model

- NM science teacher association conference - excited to rebuild relationship. Carlos will be attending.
- Outdoor economic conference in Santa Fe (Oct 22?)
- Youth fellowship, grant focus
- EE certification program, all board members have been added to the Confluence page for organization.
 - For informal educators per PED recommendation.
- Connections with Urban to Wild committee with Wilderness Society.
- NAAEE Affiliate Network Working Group to support the org and help NAAEE support the affiliates
- Allison went to Cuba to talk to them about outdoor classrooms and PBS.
 - Roads less traveled(?) group from PBS focused on Cuba outdoor classrooms.
 - Allison did an interview with them about outdoor classrooms and Cuba will come to talk at the Aug 26th event
- Forest appreciation day, Oct 23rd - Wild friends leading it at Penasco ES. Shantini will get some contacts at this. Focus is on student advocacy. Allison will help colead with Allison (Allison squared)
- Financials:
 - NAAEE builder grant received lots of requests beyond their capacity. We were not selected. :(Bruce (liaison) will help us with future grants.
 - Awaiting announcements on Outdoor Equity Grant
 - Applying for Trails+ grant for the youth fellowship
 - Submitting for _ charitable grant which is due soon
 - Santa Fe Community Fund just opened and Carlos working on application
 - Received 3,000 from Talking Talons EPA grant
 - Focus is going to be on fundraising and not just grant writing.
 - Committee not formed yet.
- Committee assignments (Carlos will facilitate committee meetings):
 - Nominations Committee
 - Will need a new board member in the fall when Marcia leaves.
 - LuAnn, Susan, Shelby
 - Membership, marketing, outreach Committee
 - Carlos, Allison, Amanda, Shelby
 - Budget and Finance Committee
 - Steve, LuAnn, Amanda
 - Fundraising and Grants Committee
 - Noelle, Kirsten
 - Youth Fellowship Committee
 - Shelby, Olivia, Susan and other former fellows
 - Annual Meeting Committee

- Olivia, Shelby
- By-Laws and Handbook for New Board Members Committee
 - Steve, Shantini
- EECamp Committee (short term)
 - Marcella, Susan, Noelle (can help with prep will not be here for event),
Kirsten
- Legislation/advocacy committee
 - Amanda, Noelle
- EENM Environmental Education Certification, fundraising
 - Hoping to fundraising using the EE certification
 - Tabling this; committee will be talking about this
- EENM Retreat discussion
 - No dates on doodle poll worked... might need to push back to Nov.
 - Pushing for an in-person retreat but need a date. Probably in the budget for travel.
 - Noelle offers to facilitate retreat
 - Potentially Dec. 2nd. TBD on location.

ADJOURN at 7:07 pm

Next meeting: Sept. 6th @ 6 pm