



# Sankofa Montessori

# **Minutes**

# January Finance Committee Meeting

# **Date and Time**

Wednesday January 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

Please go to zoom.com and join the meeting. The meeting ID is: 978 8188 7979

# **Committee Members Present**

A. Grant (remote), G. Edward (remote), K. Karacalidis (remote), K. Williams (remote)

### **Committee Members Absent**

None

# **Guests Present**

S. Harvey (remote)

# I. Opening Items

# A. Record Attendance

# B. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Edward called a meeting of the Finance Committee of Sankofa Montessori to order on Wednesday Jan 11, 2023 at 5:33 PM.

# C. Community Building

D.

# **Approve Minutes**

A. Grant made a motion to approve the minutes Finance Committee Meeting on 12-05-22.

K. Karacalidis seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### Roll Call

A. Grant Aye

G. Edward Aye

K. Karacalidis Aye

K. Williams Absent

#### II. Content

# A. Lead to Report out at Board Meeting

- 1. Gregory asked if anyone else would like to report minutes at next meeting
- 2. No one volunteered
- 3. Gregory will report during the next meeting.

# B. Spending Review

- 1. Month of December, we spent ~\$60,000
  - 1. \$23,000 for personnel
  - 2. \$19,000 for supplies
  - 3. \$18,000 for facilities (As-Builts)
- 2. Larger expenses will be Facility related costs (As-Builts, Earnest Money)
- 3. Budget shows that we are over in some areas so we will need to pull from contingency
- 4. December Donations
  - 1. \$194.74 in donations (people who visited website and donated)
  - 2. Two Board Members gave \$2027.80
  - 3. Link for donating is in agenda

# C. Management Updates

- 1. EdTec started consulting engagement with Sankofa on 01/01/23
  - 1. Will handle payroll going forward. EdTec will pay employees and take out taxes so Sarah is not in charge of payroll anymore
  - 2. EdTec will attend Finance meetings in the future with a dashboard to walk through spending. Recommendations on spending.
  - 3. EdTec has started building our budget for 2024
  - 4. They can attend Finance meeting or Board meeting or both
- 2. Board Meeting sign-ups
  - 1. This is a reminder of our required board training plan

- 2. In Year 1, they do not allow training outside of their organization
  - 1. New School Orientation
    - 1. 1st Meeting is in Jan 17th
    - 2. 2nd Meeting is in March
- 3. Errika will maintain tracking
- 3. Amazon Smile
  - 1. Go to smile.amazaon and pick Sankofa as your charity
  - 2. We have only made \$0.48 so far
- 4. There is an opportunity to tour site on Jan 20
- 5. Facilities
  - 1. Have the fully executed PSA from the owner
  - 2. Architect is on board
  - 3. There is an old-school building in the back and we cannot afford to renovate it at the moment
  - 4. Full renovation budget is \$1.5-1.6MM
  - 5. We have decided to renovate the church building
  - 6. Architects will share plans on Friday
  - 7. Have a call on Tuesday from 12:30 1:30pm to discuss plans
  - 8. If anyone wants to join, let Sarah know
  - 9. Financing for purchasing should occur in February
  - 10. Questions
    - 1. Are there any concerns we won't meet our timeline? Yes
      - If anything is delayed in the process, it will hinder our ability to get Certificate of Occupancy which will ultimately impact our changes of opening our doors on July 31st
      - 2. We told Architect that everything needs to be finished by June
      - 3. Teacher PD is supposed to occur onsite but if it is not ready, we will need to rent space.

# D. Next Steps

- 1. For the next meeting, who would like to help create the meeting agenda and invite? Should be posted at least 3 days before next meeting on Feb 8th
  - 1. Kim K. volunteere

### III. Closing Items

# A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Grant