



Verein der Eltern und Freunde
der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.
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Minutes of the Verein Board meeting on zoom May 22, 2020

Present: Tracey, Katrin, Buck, Eva, Karrie, Theresa, Vinh, Vanessa, John, Nelly
Excused: Lynn (Nelly has her proxy vote)

Meeting started: 10:10 am

1. Discussion points:

Lynn had raised the suggestion in a WhatsApp message that especially in these uncertain Corona times we should try to leave as little topics undecided as possible. John stresses this again and everybody agrees that this is a good plan.

2. PCB request for a sub-account:

The parent council board (PCB) has had a sub-account with the Verein until two years ago. Tracey explains that when she and Alison were on the PCB they had problems with the Verein's last bookkeeper to get expenses reimbursed and therefore opened up a separate account. But since this account is always linked to an individual, the recent PCB wants to return to having its account under the umbrella of the Verein.

It is discussed that the PCB then needs to adhere to the Verein rules of bookkeeping, but some argue that it is actually the PCB's money and that this should therefore not be controlled by us. Katrin says that it is possible to have an account for somebody else and this person is entirely responsible towards the tax authorities.

It is decided that the Verein is happy to offer the PCB again a sub-account. Buck and Eva will check with our tax accountant whether the Verein, as the main account holder, would be responsible and

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would therefore have to ask the PCB to adhere to our rules, or whether they can be autonomous and administer their funds independently in a sub-account. Either way, we offer the PCB the sub-account.

unanimously yes (11 yes)

3. Support for HS teachers

Vanessa has reached out to the HS teachers and encouraged them to send in requests to get reimbursed for expenses they had because of the change to online learning. So far only three teachers have sent in requests and these have been accepted (vote via WhatsApp/E-Mail). The latest is a request by Mr. Lazar for 390,69 EUR. A general discussion is being held about whether or not the Verein should also reimburse for expenses, which were caused by canceled fundraisers (Mr. Lazar asked to be reimbursed for apples and honey which he had bought for last year's Rosh Hashanah and which were supposed to be covered by a fundraiser which never took place because of Corona). Eva also brings up the point that we should have set clearer guidelines for what can be reimbursed or maybe we should have set a limit for how much can be asked. She also points out that here only teachers who bought something are being supported, and teachers who might have worked as hard for the students but did not purchase anything don't get money from us.

Finally it is voted to grant Mr. Lazar the full amount of what he asked for, including everything.

unanimously yes (11 yes)

4. Free membership for teachers with HS kids

Tracey brought up the suggestion that teachers with high school children should not have to pay membership fees to get lockers. She wanted to vote on this during the AGM, but due to concerns about the limited time there, it is discussed here.

Tracey argues that the teachers do so much for us all and are quintessential to the Verein to organize fundraisers like Fun Run.

Buck had asked Mr. Krupski, the liaison for the lockers, if any of the teachers had complained about having to pay Verein membership fees. The answer was no. Also Tracey said that nobody complained.

Nelly points out that this could be counted as a personal favor and fall under the financial limit for

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presents for teachers.

It is discussed that maybe a free or reduced membership could be planned for all teachers, but this does not seem to be a pressing issue. Vanessa says that she remembers that this had already been discussed a couple of years ago and was rejected. She will try to find out why.

To keep in accordance with the credo not to keep issues undecided a motion is made to reject this suggestion at this point.

rejected (9 no, 2 yes)

5. AGM

Date: 4.6. at the school aula, 5-7 pm

We have to meet earlier than usual and really have to finish by 7 pm, due to earlier closing times of the school.

During the AGM we will not discuss any requests, because the reports and the pending release of the board, the treasure and the auditors as well as the election of president, vice president, treasurer, auditors and four members-at-large will take up all of the time available.

To ensure that the meeting can be held in accordance to the hygiene and distancing measurers given by the state, we will

- ask for rsvp with name, address and phone number
- prepare the aula with seats that are spaced out 1.5m each
- have a few masks available if wanted. It is not compulsory to wear a mask. Theresa offers to bring some
- have some pens ready, in case people forget to bring their own. We are not supposed to share items. Buck will order them.
- have some disinfectant wipes and gloves if needed
- flowers should be given as a thank-you to Brian Salzer, the leaving managing director of the school, and Ja-Neil, the long standing student council representative, who is graduating.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15 am

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