Urban Media Arts
Board of Directors
August 20, 2026
7:06pm

Attendance: Tina, Jon, Eden, Lori, Jenny, Felicia
Virtual Hilda
Absent - Emmanuel

Public Comment - na

July Minutes - Eden motions to approve, Jenny 2nds all in favor minutes are approved

Nick from TDI will be using UMA front office for 3 years. He will try to come to a future meeting.

E.D. Report -

- Received $10,,000 operations grant from Industrial Aid
- Media Share installed and working well
- Only 1 of 4 youth summer workshops was held
- Cable operating funds from last quarter not here yet
- Auditor coming Monday for yearly audit
- Yearly audit helps with grants,filing with secretary of state
- Looking for media specialist on call
- Must work 1 shift a year, paid by hour
- 3 people have applied
- James and Aliyah will train
- Coverage needed since some staff are in school
- They will be on payroll vs 1099
- Shut down week allows for special clean up and projects
- Closed to public not staff
- Engineer will help identify technical things to keep, donate, or toss
- Perhaps teacher workshops days could be used for a youth program
- Some brainstorming on how to get kids involved
- Try to make marketing booth a bit more interactive

Finance Report

- Treasurer sent out an overview
- City of Malden capital grant comes from cable
- Waiting on 4th quarter operating funds to arrive from City of Malden
- Difference in months and transactions explained in write up
- More money in the bank account now compared to E.D. starting
- Audit is a big expense as well as payroll and health care
- What does the group want to see/hear in finance reports

- Are there discrepancies?
- If there are sharp drops what is the reason
- Write up makes it easier to understand
- comparing/contrasting by months is helpful

Since July minutes were approved, E.D. may start working on reserve funds and updating banking as needed such as signers

Subcommittee Reports -

NV - editor hired and starting soon

- Grant from the Cummings Foundation being worked on
- In the letter of inquiry stage
- Editor has experience and seems great

Development Committee - working on setting up
Nominating Committee - Emmanuel should reach out to Disability Commission

Old Business - need to focus on getting new board members

- Might need a marketing campaign
- Board should work on recruiting
- Let people know they can attend a meeting
- Try to find people who are interested then see if they have time/talent/treasure

New Business

- Annual meeting is October 8th
- Kids will present their film
- UMA President, E.D. and NV will speak
- Regular board meeting
- Some food
- Jon's membership is up
- October 4th opening of the Riverworks
- Which Farmer's Market is a big one - Eden to follow up
- North Shore Hispanic Festival September 19th 12-4 Malden City Hall
- Fairy House Festival may be same day
- Volunteers are requested for the events

Awarded $8000 matching grant for systems replacement upgrade
Consultant is hired and give a year plan for all systems such as when to do audits, replacements etc
Last missing piece of tech audit

Need an rfp process
To move forward we need an assertion vote
We have the money needed set aside that qualifies for matching grant

Eden motions that we vote on this, Jenny 2nd

UMA's BOD votes to certify that we have $8,000 secured for our 1-1 grant. We/I attest that none of the Matching Funds are funds from state government, loan proceeds, or operating funds expended by the Grantee for mortgage interest, fundraising costs or other operating activities (provided however that public funds appropriated to a project do not constitute loan proceeds).

Discussion on what it covers such as hvac, plumping, lighting, roof etc
Roll call vote and all in favor, motion passes.

Adjournment - Eden motions to adjourn, Jenny 2nd all if favor meeting over at 8:21