

**2018-2019 MCC Governing Board  
Final Meeting - June 5, 2019**

**MINUTES**

- MCC Board Members Present:** Paul Kohlenberger, Board Chair; Desi Woltman; Julie Waters; Elizabeth John; Lauren Herzberg; Alicia Plerhoples; Raj Mehra; Terri Markwart; Megan Markwart
- MCC Board Members Absent:** Carole Herrick; Kat Kehoe
- MCC Staff Present:** George Sachs, Executive Director; Ashok Karra, Comptroller; Holly Novak; Jennifer Garrett, Technical Director – Alden Theatre; Catherine Nesbitt, Special Events Manager; Sarah Schallern Treff, Performing Arts Director
- Guests:** Merrily Pierce (MCA); Elyse John; Maria Foderaro-Guertin; Xavier Jimenez; Melanie Jimenez; Suzanne Le Menestrel; Jane Edmondson (Supervisor Foust’s office); Walby family; Johnny Jimenez; various friends and family of newly-elected board members

**CONVENE MEETING**

Chair Kohlenberger convened the final meeting of the 2018-2019 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center on June 5, 2019 at 7:35 p.m. He announced that the pledge ceremony to install the 2019-2020 Governing Board will immediately follow this meeting. He welcomed members of the public in attendance and invited them to introduce themselves:

Jane Edmondson (Supervisor Foust’s office) expressed congratulations to the new people and thanked the outgoing board members for their service.

Merrily Pierce is outgoing MCA liaison. She congratulated all the new board members.

Incoming board members: Maria Foderaro-Guertin; Xavier Jimenez; Suzanne Le Menestrel  
Several family members of the newly elected board members were also present for the occasion.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

The Agenda for the meeting was adopted by acclamation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Kohlenberger asked if there were any requested revisions to the respective Minutes of two recent meetings: Special Meeting on May 15, 2019 and the Regular Meeting on May 29, 2019. There was a motion to approve; it was seconded. There was no discussion and no changes to these Minutes were requested.

- MOTION:** That the Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 15, 2019, be approved as written, and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 29, 2019, be approved as written.  
**Unanimously approved.**

## REGOGNITION OF EXITING BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Sachs thanked each person for a job well done! This 2016-2019 three-year term of service goes down in history as one of the most challenging times that any MCC Board member could endure. The three adult members going off (Paul Kohlenberger, Desi Woltman and Kat Kehoe) have seen this through for three years, and this is what has been endured along the way. 2016 started the approval of the renovation/expansion project (prior tasks of approvals going through; beginning to work with architects and contractors). These three board members participated in the ground-breaking on March 22, 2017. It was a big undertaking; we went through a relocation of programs to temporary locations in McLean (this was a difficult time for staff and Board). The board hung in there and kept us together when staff was all over the place. We were able to secure temporary leases and continue uninterrupted services to the community as best we could – for 22 months. Then they also participated in coming back to MCC with the ribbon-cutting celebration on December 5, 2018. It was a push to get everything completed in time; just passing inspections the day before, to allow occupancy. We then enjoyed further participation and support of the MCC board for the Community Open House on January 5, 2019. This was a grand celebration of all the work and effort it took to complete the renovation project. I give special thanks to the outgoing board members for enduring all of that. It was quite an accomplishment and I can't thank you all enough for your service.

I would like to recognize the individuals who are completing their terms.

*\*They all received a personalized engraved pewter Jefferson cup in recognition of their outstanding service and contributions.*

- Lauren Herzberg (Youth member) –we all appreciated Lauren's fantastic efforts: constant attentiveness, contributing greatly. And Lauren was listened to when she spoke.  
2018-2019 committees: Elections & Nominations; Communications; Finance
- Megan Markwart (Youth member) – Megan served on two very busy committees this past year because of the extensive planning for the reopening. She was a great contributor to our meetings. She was outspoken, and not shy.  
2018-2019 committees: Communications; Program
- Kat Kehoe – she arrived earlier tonight but could not stay. We recognize Kat's service to the board and thank her for her efforts.  
2016-2017 committees: Capital Facilities, Elections & Nominations and Finance  
2017-2018 - Chair of Elections & Nominations Committee; she also served on Capital Facilities and Communications committees.  
2018-2019 committees: Program; Communications; and Elections & Nominations
- Desi Woltman, Vice Chair – Desi's service, time, effort, energies have been terrific. It was a wonderful time and we are grateful for her service during these three difficult years.  
2016 -2017 committees: Capital Facilities; Communications; Program  
2017-2018: she was elected Board Secretary and chaired the Program Committee. She also worked on Capital Facilities and Finance committees.  
2018-2019: she served as Board Vice Chair and chaired the Capital Facilities Committee. Desi also participated on the Finance and Program committees.
- Paul Kohlenberger, Chair - Paul is a two-term board member, which is six consecutive years of commitment. We all appreciate his long record of service. From 2013-2016 there was a lot was going on leading up to the renovation.  
2013-2014 committees: Capital Facilities; Finance; Elections & Nominations  
2014-2015: Chair of Elections & Nominations Committee; he served on Capital Facilities and Finance.  
2015-2016: Paul was elected Board Chair, and as Chair of the Executive Committee, was a representative on all committees.

2016-2017: Paul was elected Board Treasurer; he served as Chair of Finance, and also participated on Capital Finance and Communications committees.

2017-2018: Paul was elected Board Vice-Chair; he chaired the Capital Facilities Committee and was on Communications and Finance committees.

2018-2019: Paul was elected Board Chair and served as a representative on all committees.

It is unusual to have a person serve two terms on the MCC board. It is wonderful to have such commitment, continuity of information, and carry-forward of institutional knowledge in proceeding from start to completion of the renovation project. I can't thank Paul enough for that.

Mr. Sachs presented Mr. Kohlenberger with a special farewell gift, in recognition for his years of service.

Mr. Kohlenberger thanked everyone.

### **FINAL COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Woltman requested an opportunity to express final remarks to the group:

I want to express my gratitude at being given the opportunity to serve on this board. McLean Community Center holds a very special place in my heart. It made our family feel welcome when we moved here 14 years ago and it continues to play a role as a community hub in our lives – a place to run into friends and neighbors and enjoy special events and annual celebrations.

Having grown up in a town that lacked a similar venue or facility, I never take this place for granted. It's truly a gem, and I'm grateful to those volunteers whose vision, hard work and dedication to their community brought us this gift.

One of the best takeaways from this experience is the wonderful, civic-minded people I've had the privilege to become close to – people whose paths I might never have crossed but for our common love for this Center.

I'd like to give special thanks to Paul Kohlenberger for his board leadership and outsized contribution to the Center, before my tenure and during these last three years. I'm especially thankful for his role in helping secure the future of the Old Firehouse as a satellite venue.

George [Sachs], it's been a pleasure to work with you and your fabulous staff. I remain in awe of your steady hand through the ups and downs during the chaos and transition associated with the renovation. I never saw you flinch. You were always cheerful and positive, even during the most challenging of times, and continue to be. I appreciate your infinite patience in helping me better understand how to best serve MCC. Thank you to all the staff. Thank you to my fellow board members. And "Good Luck" to the incoming board.

Mr. Kohlenberger thanked the youth members, Ms. Woltman, and Ms. Kehoe for their years of service.

He thanked the entire board for their dedication and contributing their expertise to the community

He thanked those who will continue on... as well as those who are about to embark upon what he hopes will be a great experience for themselves personally and for the community.

*A group photo was taken of the 2018-2019 Governing Board.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Kohlenberger adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Novak – Executive Assistant to the Governing Board

*The Pledge Ceremony for the incoming 2019-2020 Governing Board followed immediately.*