

Higher Ground Agenda March 2024

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Michael DiMaria - Strategic Consultant**

Call to order 4:37 p.m.

February minutes (Alexys)

Committee Updates/Action Items

- Internal Committee
 - Finance Report (Ken)
 - Expenses below budget

New Business

- Information Items /Discussion Items
 - a) Director's Reports
 - See attached files
 - b) IEL Conference and 3 Workshops
 - Conference will allow for increased connections and communications, potential funding opportunities, and greater exposure for HG learning management system
 - c) Quarterly Grant Updates
 - Board ask - connect HG to grantors and organizations
 - d) South Phoenix (Roosevelt School District)
 - Likely to start in January 2025, rather than August 2024
- Action Items / Discussion
 - a) IEL Conference PO
 - Motion to approve PO Presented and passed
 - b) Updated DCS Reporting Policies
 - Motion to approve updated policy presented and passed
 - c) LFC Loan Payoff
 - Motion to approve LFC Loan Payoff presented and passed
 - d) Updated HR Related Policies and Procedures
 - Motion to approve updated HR Policies and Procedures presented and passed
 - e) AZ Impact for Good Membership
 - Motion to join AZ Impact for Good presented and passed
 - f) Ratifying POs
 - Motion to ratify POs presented and passed

CEO's Report

Board asks: Share posts regarding IEL Conference, AZ Gives Day, and Impact Reports. CUSD interested in expanding HG's reach to other schools in Chandler. Expecting Judo in Schools in San Miguel next school year. Quantum Pros looking to work with HG to connect them to districts and looking to contract with HG. Meeting with Amphi and Southern Arizona Network. Amphi School District developed their own Community School and HG will provide professional development. Nick Frazee has commuted large donation to HG. Attending ASU GSV Summit to make necessary connections to expand BeMapt. Presentation with ASU School of Social Work. Meeting with US DoE Senior Policy

**Advisor. Meeting with Aaron Wonders from Governor's office who will be attending Summit.
Exposure for Judo in Schools at USA Judo Youth Nationals. KGun9 featuring Judo in Schools.**

Notes:

- (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KJceEFX0QrSPMk6AUWJq3CBvwNGTcAtyYc719Kely/edit?usp=sharing>) – Please update if you have not yet updated information

Meeting Adjourned: 5:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024