

Monday, October 13, 2003

DSASO Board Meeting Minutes

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Board Members Present: *Deb Evans, Ron Schaaf, Jackie Smedegaard, Barbara Hansen, Joyce and Gary Rogers, Jeffrey and Debbie Bernard, Katherine Dunphy and R.D. Jones*

Minutes: Joyce moved and R.D. Jones seconded approval of the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jackie submitted a written report for September. Not much activity.

September Report:

Income: \$28.84

Expenses: \$689.14

Buddy Walk Report: Joyce reported \$365 raised from lunches sold at the event. \$294.20 was spent on prizes, meat, chips and napkins. \$974.23 was raised from pledges collected by walkers and \$750 was donated by Dollar GMC (\$500) and Stan Harris Construction (\$250). Joyce also submitted a written report on Buddy Walk details to help organize next year's event. Roughly 300+ people attended. Roughly 60 volunteers donated their time to the event. Deb thought that some more pledges would be forthcoming. Discussed the idea that not having the event as a fundraiser, but as a feel good event. All felt that the potential of bad weather might have kept some people away. All felt that we should try and move the event date up into September. Barbara expressed her disappointment with last year's volunteer list ñ it needs to be updated.

News from Maria: Deb relayed her discussion with Maria. Maria would like to be relieved of most, if not all of her current responsibilities due to time restraints with her teaching. This would include database management, phone responsibilities and picking up and answering the mail. Deb was unsure about Maria's willingness to continue outing out the Newsletter. Maria expressed her desire to fulfill her current level of effort until the end of the year. Maria, according to Jackie worked 12 hours in September and has worked up to 20 hours per month previously. It was suggested we look within our association membership for a replacement person. Notice will go out in our next newsletter or perhaps through written or email notices or posted on the website.

Reading Program: Deb discussed her proposal from last month on the reading program. Deb reported that she has been in touch with Pat Oelwein and is encouraged by her positive response and willingness to help coordinate. Deb also relayed that Board member Joyce Rogers

has expressed interest in possibly heading up the reading program. Deb will take responsibility to do the initial work in contacting granting foundations. Board discussed idea of implementing a funding program for the reading program. Board approved sending Joyce to Seattle to meet with Pat Oelwein and discuss technique and details of the reading program. Motion was made by R.D. to fund Joyce's expenses for up to 3 days in Seattle to consult with Pat Oelwein about implementing the reading program. Seconded by Jeffrey. Motion past. It was hoped that his meeting could happen prior to next month's board meeting. Joyce wants to meet with Pat before deciding if Joyce is right for the position, but will bring back all pertinent information.

Website: Jeffrey apologized for not following through on updating the website. He has added minutes. Jeffrey would like to gear up efforts to develop the website to its fullest potential. Jeffrey will try and get Buddy Walk photos on the website. Deb approached the board about hiring a student to manage the website and help facilitate keeping it current. Deb will approach Kieran Henthorn about the possibility of working on the website.

New Parent Packets: Debbie Bernard relayed her efforts to update the information. Debbie also relayed a conversation she had with a discouraged parent. Deb Evans brought the training manual for professional published by NDSS. R.D. Jones will review the physician's manual and report on the information at next month's Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36

Minutes Submitted by Ron Schaaf

Next Board Meeting will be on November 11, 6:30-8:30 at the Smullin Center