

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

**DSASO Board Meeting Minutes
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Board Members Present:: Deb Evans, Jackie Smedegaard, Ron Schaaf, and Deborah Prevatt, Lauri Eisenhauer, Barbara Hanson, Gary Rogers.

Others in Attendance: Joyce Rogers, Sean Smedegaard, Maria Thorpe.

Board Meeting commenced at 6:40 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting of 10-19-04 were read by Deborah Prevatt and motion to approve by Deb Evans, seconded by Barbara Hanson.

Treasurerís Report: Written report submitted by Jackie Smedegaard. Jackie reported on the 2004 Buddy Walk earnings. We did quite well, depositing \$2133.95. She also reported that the Reading Program costs of \$2000.00 per month(?) has only put our account down \$1200.00 this last year. The difference in cost was raised by Joyce Rogers through sponsorships and fundraisers. It was suggested by Ron that we send a form letter requesting sponsorship from all of the smaller businesses in the Rogue Valley. This will be discussed more.

Deb moved that the Board accept the resignation of Katherine Dunphy who is unable to complete her term due to family health issues and appoint Maria Thorpe to Katherine Dunphyís term which ends in 2006. Jackie 2nd the motion and Motion passed. The board wishes to thank Katherine for her service on the board and welcomes Maria!

Reading Report & the Grant: Joyce Rogers started the discussion with an update on the program as it runs currently. At this time we have 13 students enrolled. Each student is receiving 1:1 tutoring with the exception of two girls grouped together. We discussed what was talked about at the parent meeting we held last month. We agreed that all the participants involved in the reading program currently must have a support team in which at least one of their team members would join a session over the next six weeks. We decided there must be at least one team member current for at least 3 out of the 6 sessions. Joyce mentioned in a couple of cases with the younger students who are getting great instruction at home as well may drop their child off with no team member due to the distraction the young children would have. We discussed this being the last 1:1 sessions for the current students due to the fact we currently have 2 people on a waiting list with the anticipation of more wanting to join. The question of will there be help with planning and materials if the children were no longer involved with the 1:1 sessions. The ideas discussed on that were to have Joyce do 1 home visit each six weeks for the students who will be going into their own teams. A suggestion was made that we rotate some students in by having a student going every other week, which would result in 2 students sharing 1 space, freeing up space for another student to enroll. It was discussed that each student will be assessed individually to assess his or her needs appropriately. We discussed keeping 10 students 1:1 and rotating 10 students. Grant ideas were discussed as follows: One concern we have in writing the grant is that we can show that we will serve more than 14-20 students. We discussed hiring an additional tutor that Joyce would train to work with the pre-school age and post- school age students. This would

free up time for Joyce to work with the school age students and try to work the program into the schools and the students IEP's This would also free up some time to do some outreach seminars. Resulting in serving a large number of individuals with DS. There was discussion of writing in the grant that we would fund 15 slots at \$1500.00 per student per year and they will fund the other 15 slots with grant money going to community outreach and helping get other counties set up and maintain their own program.

In another note it was discussed that 2 individuals teachers are instructing the reading program currently. The program has also been found to be beneficial to people other than those who have DS.

Newsletter: In the mail just ahead of Appeal Letter.

The iUpstarts (Under 5): Pizza night was a great success!! Everyone who was at the last gathering was present as well as two other families! Deborah Prevatt made short announcement of whom & what are the iUpstarts and introduced Gary Rogers as the Vice President of the DSASO board. He explained when the board was established and why. A Suggestion card was circulated and filled out by all with many great ideas for future gatherings. Lauri, Deborah and Vicki will meet to discuss and plan next activity which will be some time in early January.

Fund Raising/Appeal Letter: Letters are ready and being mailed on 11-17-04.

Misc. items: It was moved by Maria Thorpe and seconded by Lauri Eisenhaur that a laptop computer be purchased for Joyce to use with the program as she is out in the field more. A CD burner is requested and a limit of \$1200.00 was set. It was moved by Barbara Hansen and seconded by Maria Thorpe that either Gary Rogers, as DSASO VP or Ron Schaaf as President have board approval to sign on behave of the board on matters concerning PQ Stock. The Prevatt's new email address is: TDCPREVATT@MSN.COM

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.
Minutes submitted by Deborah Prevatt

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2004, 6:30pm at the Lionís Center in Medford.