

**Board of Directors - Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2005**

**DSASO Board Meeting Minutes**  
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**Board Members Present:** Gary Rogers, Barbara Hansen, Jackie Smedegaard, Deb Evans, Ron Schaaf, Lauri Eisenhour, Maria Thorpe, Jeffrey and Debbie Bernard. Others in attendance: Josh Hansen, Brandon Bernard, Sean Smedegaard, Alicia McCuen and Pam Marsh. (Joyce and Vicki were both sick)

**Board Meeting commenced at 6:45 p.m.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were not available due to sickness. Will review next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Jackie. A 3 month spread sheet for Jan-Mar 2005 was also prepared and presented.

**Barbara Hansen retiring from board:** Barbara Hansen is retiring after almost 21 years of either being on the DSASO board or being involved with DSASO! Goodies were brought for Barbara and a celebration was had in appreciation of all the time, energy and support Barbara has offered this association. THANK YOU BARBARA!!! We will miss you!

**Reading Program:** Gary gave a report from Joyce. Joyce has completed home visits with the new reading program students. There are 9 students, each with a team. All have been informed that the program is interactive and requires team participation. Visits took some time as students are spread out at North Valley High, Samís Valley, Crate, Little Butte, etc. Joyce also sat in on 2 IEP meetings and has another next week. This current group will receive 3 ñ 6 week sessions and Joyce will try to get the schools to get reading on each student's IEP so that reading will be delivered regularly through the schools with Joyce helping teach all the teams.

**Wedding Invitation:** Gary also reported that the entire DSASO Board is invited to attend Rosie and Aaron's wedding June 18<sup>th</sup>!!!! Please RSVP at 245-9810.

**Website:** Gary's brother David will be helping soon with our website. Jim Teece has been wonderful in putting on information at short notice on the website, in particular info about the upcoming Jim MacDonald Workshop and other events. PLEASE CHECK IT OUT! If you have suggestions, we would love to hear them.

**After School Program in Samís Valley:** Alicia McCuen, director of an after school program currently taking place at Samís Valley Elementary School came and spoke to us about her program. They have gotten insurance through OSU and are using curriculum from 4-H for a one hour directive program interspersed with snacks and organized play from the end of school till around 5:00. Currently 45 students are involved with 6 of these kids having special needs. There are 3 employees and they have brought in different groups such as the Arts Council, 4-H and computer sciences to round out their program. They provide after school care and all day care

for inservice days. Fee is \$70/month per child and \$15/in-service day or \$7/after school for drop ins. They started up using a \$3000 grant from Fannie Mae. There is a 10 ñ 1 student to teacher ratio. Bonnie Sutton, principal at Samís Valley Elementary has been very supportive. The school charges no rent and provides snacks. Aliciaís pay comes from income generated and student enrollment must be 24 kids or higher to maintain the \$70/month fee. Maria mentioned that Kids Unlimited is the Medford equivalent. Washington, Jackson and Oak Grove schools provide a free after school program which includes play, snacks and help with homework etc. and includes a violence prevention program.

**Upstarts:** April 30<sup>th</sup>, DSASO will host a Parentís Night Spaghetti Supper at the Lionís Center. 2 families have RSVP so we are unsure about the turn out. Board suggested we look into providing child care for some of these events, as well as mix in both educational programs and fun get togethers. Possible programs suggested were: Potty Training Panel, ENT, Sean Trainer? , Gross Motor Concerns with David Miller.

**Easter Seals Auction:** Rick Wise announced that Easter Seals will be conducting their fundraiser auction on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rogue Valley Country Club. All are encouraged to attend.

**May 21<sup>st</sup> ñ Railroad Park Spring Picnic:** All seems to be on track. Gary will check with Joyce about if the Live Steamers have been contacted and details will be discussed at the ext board meeting.

**Jim MacDonald Workshop May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>:** Deb gave a quick overview on progress. All is in order, 1200 flyers were just mailed out and should be to everyone this week. CEUís and OSHA credits will be available for teachers and Speech Language Pathologists. She urged ALL to attend and Lauri to call Upstart families and let them know it would be extremely appropriate for them to come.

**Employee vs Contract Labor:** Jacke explained options available to us as far as Joyce and Aprilís employeint is concerned. We have been researching whatís involve with starting both on payroll. There are pros and consÖit is a real commitment and expense as well as more paperwork. Jackie is willing to due it at no charge. Seems it would be more comfortable to DSASO and benefit Joyce.

Maria moved that we switch Joyce over to payroll May 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeffrey. All were in favor. Board then discussed switching April over to payroll. April had let the board know that she would like to be on payroll and would not renew contract ending next week. Jackie thought that would be prudent. Some were not infavor of rushing the decision so due to the time of night, the decision was postponed until next meeting.

**Anaheim/Conference:** So far 7 families have signed up to go to Annaheim. Lauri will coordinate getting families together to discuss details of the trip.

**Wagon wheel Conference:** Pam Marsh reported on her trip last weekend to the Oregon PTI Conference in Bend. There were lots of families in attendence. A lot of the discussion centered on the reauthorization of IDEA. Pam also reported that IEPís will change in Oregon effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Pam has a draft of the new IEPís. The age of transition will move from 14 to 16. Mediation

will occur earlier in the process (don't have to wait for due process). Emphasis is to empower parents in the process. There are lots of resources in training and IEP education available. Our local OPTI rep is Kirsten Thompson, but she is currently on leave. Pam thought the conference was very substantial and very worthwhile.

**Parent Resource Center Idea:** Deb brought up the discussion she, Ron and Pam have had about maybe using Pam to help us look into starting up a Parent Resource Center, doing fundraising and other options. Pam commented that we don't have to try necessarily for a big government grant. Clackamas is starting a Parent Resource Center with a \$15,000 grant. Ron thinks it is a good time to look into this more seriously. We would like to discuss possibility of hiring Pam to do work for DSASO in more detail at next month's meeting.

## Meeting Adjourned at 8:50

*Minutes submitted by Deb Evans*