

DSASO Board Meeting
July 17, 2007

ATTENDEES: Don Azar, Anjay Meyer, Gavin and Seth Meyer, Rick Wise, Deb Evans, Maria Thorpe, Wyatt Thorpe, Vicki Graham-Stelle, John Glaser, Jackie Smedegaard, Sean Smedegaard, Angie Boak

Guest Speaker: Dan Mish, Director -Studio Sfumato; Molly Mish

Dan presented information on Studio Sfumato encouraging all to come visit the gallery and also the 3rd Friday Art Walk in Medford. This runs from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and is a wonderful opportunity to check out what Studio Sfumato is and what they are doing. There was some discussion of having a display of Studio Sfumato artwork at the Buddy Walk. If anyone is interested in a tour of Studio Sfumato please call Dan at 772-1503.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jackie.

Discussion of costs involved in creating the Reading Kits; progress; timelines; Focus Group, etc. Deb reports that the materials for Kits 1-3 are completed and that the DVD and instructions has yet to be done. The primary expense at this point is in Joyce's hours.

Some discussion of whether this would be a stand alone product and if not, how much of Joyce's time would continue to be needed.

Deb reports that there is a tentative \$5000 in funding from a foundation but they are waiting to see the grant proposal before committing. Don reports the grant proposal is still a work in progress.

AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Buddy Walk - Proposal to charge participants on a 3 tiered basis - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Bronze level would be \$5.00 and include lunch and a T-shirt. Silver would be \$10.00 and include lunch, T-shirt, and 1 raffle ticket. Gold level information was not available. Joyce has the notes from the committee meeting. Skip has agreed to run the BBQ and prepare burgers with chips, cookies, etc.

**** Joyce - please call Eric at KMVU at 772-2600 regarding Buddy walk and all details for potential TV commercial. Anjay will e-mails pictures to John at FOX to use in promo. Deb will discuss with Joyce if there are additional digital photos.**

Discussion about whether to spend money for an ad in the newspaper to promote the Buddy Walk. Don will ask his contact if it is possible to do an article on Down syndrome/Buddy Walk or if they might be able to donate ad space. Vote was "No" to spending money on ad space but "Yes" if the space is being donated.

It was agreed that a Silent Auction would be held. All Board Members were encouraged to gather items for the auction.

Deb will ask Sibling Rivalry to play at the Buddy Walk.

B. Buddy Bowl - tentative date October 20th from 12:00-4:00 at Roxy Ann Lanes.

Cost \$50/player - \$200/team of 4. This includes lunch, T-shirt, games and raffle ticket for prizes. The Grand Prize is a time share. Rick will contact Marshall Holman about MCing the event. Encouraged getting business sponsorship for teams.

Anjay motioned and Maria seconded to go forward with the event.

Rick needs the Chamber List from John to send the flyer and also a copy of the end of year letter.

John recommended sending information to Eric at FOX to develop a commercial regarding this event as well as the Buddy Walk.

C. Speedway - 50/50 tickets.

A Labor Day weekend date has been set. Maria has offered to work the booth.

D. Upstarts Update - Anjay

Anjay presented a proposal to open up the Aug. 11th Pool Party to everyone and hold it as a social rather than just for the Upstarts. Cost is \$190 for 2 hours with a tentative time of 2:00 - 4:00p.m. Maria moved and John seconded the proposal.

E. Newsletter -

Maria reports that the next newsletter will be coming out in September. She would like to do an article on where people are currently working. Please get this information to her.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next meeting schedule for August 21, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the Woolworth Building.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicki Graham-Stelle.