

SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Board of Directors

Conway, SC

Saturday, May 15, 2004

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Cheryl Bauerle
Denise Chastain
Michael Filippone
Chris Heeringa
Alex Holbert
Becky Hughes
Beverly McCarty
Margaret Moore
Joyce Nielsen
Amy Weeks
Roy Williams

Members Absent

Ute Anderson
Maria Delgado
Erik Drasgow
Susan DuRant
Angela Fender
Drea Kithianis
Denise Long
Aixa Rodriguez-Mariana
Denise Oxford
Mary Pate
Mitchell Yell

Staff Present

Craig Stoxen, Executive Director

- Call to order, quorum, introductions
Immediate past chair Amy Weeks called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. A quorum was declared.
- Approval of Minutes
Margaret Moore moved and Joyce Nielsen seconded that minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report
Craig Stoxen gave the treasurer's report in Mitchell Yell's absence. Our revenue is above and expenses are below. As of now, things are looking well. The only expense that was more than expected was in printing.
- Director's Report
For details refer to the printed President's Board Report. In reference to the 2004 conference, a movie is being made about Jerry Newport, one of our keynote speakers. More information can be obtained about the movie at mozartandthewhale.com.

We have 15 cases in Service Coordination thus far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Consumer Review Panel- Joyce Nielsen
Craig will be visiting the Charleston house on May 24. Daniel is proposing a change of agreement. Craig can go in as a monitor and introduce himself to staff. This change came about when Daniel stopped Craig's visit previously. We have a contract on a new house. After Craig's visit to the house on May 24, he will meet with the parents of the residents. Craig would like the Committee Chair to also be able to visit the house. A motion was made that we amend the policy to allow visits by the committee chair, board members, and Craig in order to build a circle of friends for the residents. Roy Williams made the motion and Margaret Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

 2. Legislative-Craig Stoxen
Conference committee members have been names. \$123 million more is projected for next year's budget and \$120 million for this year. There is a plan to remove 13 million from DDSN and replace with Maybank funds. We would not be able to spend Maybank funds until we collect them. If this cut goes through, Family Support funds will be cut first. Craig said we should call our Senators and Representatives and tell them to talk to the Conference Committee Members. We should tell them to: 1) Restore \$13 million base with recurring money; 2) Do not cut \$1.6 million.
- OLD BUSINESS
 1. 501(c)3 - Our 501c3 is now official.
 2. Walk/Run – Because Aixa Rodriguez-Mariana was absent, no information was given.

 - NEW BUSINESS
 1. Nominating committee - A committee was appointed to include Joyce Nielsen, Amy Weeks, and Beverly McCarty. This should be approved between September 15-20.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 p.m.