

**The Arc of Greater Beaumont
Minutes from Board Meeting
February 11, 2013**

This meeting was held in the Foundation for Southeast Texas Building's Auditorium

Members Present

Toye Babb
Meg Baertle
Joy Barten
Cindy Bloodsworth
Leslie Dean
Jamie Due
Beth Hudson
Jada Kelley
Laura McMurray
Paula Pratt
Patrice Rabalais
Janice Watkins
Mitch Watkins

Members Absent

Amanda Baldwin
Tara Folsom
Gary Gorsich
Richard Pentecost
Laura Soileau
Brenda Sullivan

Quorum for this meeting was met

Staff Present

Gary Hidalgo
Caitlin Kruger
Connie Berry

Guest Speaker

Ralph E. Likins- Certified Public Accountant, PLLC

Meeting Called to Order- 6:15 PM

Approval of Minutes from Previous Board Meeting- Jada Kelley

December Meeting Minutes

Motioned: Cindy Bloodsworth

Seconded: Patrice Rabalais

All in Favor

CPA Report- Ralph E. Likins- Certified Public Accountant, PLLC

Mr. Likins conducted a review of Financial Statements for The Arc of Greater Beaumont's 2012 fiscal year. Mr. Likins review will be utilized when applying for United Way funding for their 2013-2014 fiscal year. Mr. Likins helped finalize 2011's 990 EZ information and will be doing The Arc's 2012 990.

Motion to Approve Review

Motioned: Toye Babb

Seconded: Joy Barten

All in Favor

Executive Directors Report

- Women's Council of Beaumont Relators selected the Arc as the recipient of a small fundraiser. A \$500.00 donation was received.
- **Discussion of Senate Bill 7:** Information was provided from The Arc of Texas. The bill would turn all IDD services into managed care, state schools excluded. The program would be patterned after Northstar. The Arc of Texas is asking for the support of local chapters on their opposition to the bill. With the boards permission Gary Hidalgo will be voicing The Arc of Greater Beaumont's opposition to Senate Bill 7.
- **ED visit to Arc's in Austin:** on a recent trip to Austin Gary visited The Arc of Texas and The Arc of the Capitol Area. At The Arc of the Capitol Area, Gary meet with Executive Director Susan Eason and discussed different fundraising opportunities and projects they provide. Both groups were impressed with The Arc of Greater Beaumont's current services, and cooperation with the Downs Syndrome Family Group.
- **Beaumont Products & Services:** a nonprofit started in the 80's by Beaumont State Center whose purpose was to hire individuals with IDD to be clean-up crews for the City of Beaumont. The organization currently employees 14 individuals with IDD and an Executive Director. The organization is losing business and in talks to dissolving. In the event the company dissolves, the Board of Directors has agreed that all assets will be given to The Arc of Greater Beaumont in exchange for a commitment from The Arc to provide continual employment to the company's 14 current employees with IDD.
- **Meeting with Houseman Company:** Gary meet with Shawn Sparrow to discuss building plans for an Arc facility. Mr. Sparrow suggested a pre-fabricated building may be the most economical way to go and has agreed to serve on a building committee when the time comes. The proposed layout will be given to Roger Jones who estimated that it will

cost less than \$1 million to build. In order to get started on a Capitol Campaign the Arc must first secure land. The hope is to launch a capitol campaign at the 2013 Stars of the Arc Celebrity Style Show and Dinner.

- **Jay Bruce Check Presentation and plans for 2013 Event- Saturday, November 16, 2013:** In January, Jay Bruce presented the Arc with a check for \$20,000 in proceeds from the 2012 golf tournament. The Arc will be the sole recipient of the Jay Bruce Golf tournament funds in the future. The goal for the 2013 tournament is to raise \$100,000.
- **Development of Resource Center:** Received a grant for \$5,000 from the McFaddin Ward Foundation to start the Arc's resource center.
- **Preschool Transition Education Training Grant from TEA:** A grant to provide training to parents on the transition from preschool to grade school has opened and the Arc is researching a possible partnership with Region 5. We will be looking into the grants requirements and opportunities in the immediate future.
- **2013 Conference Proposal:** The Arc is scheduled to host a conference on August 24th with key note speaker: Stephen Shore. Mr. Shore has a PhD in Special Education and is living with Asperger's.
- **Letter to Chief Singletary:** During the Mardi Gras Dance held in January one of the Arc's members with IDD was in a car accident on her way to the dance. A very nice officer came to the dance and told us about the issue and let us know that they were all okay. The Arc has sent a letter to the Beaumont Police Department's Chief letting him know about this officer who went above and beyond the help.
- **United Way Campaign/ Baptist Hospital, United Way Application:** The Arc will be participating in Baptist Hospitals internal United Way Campaign to help secure designated funds for The Arc. The United Way Application for the 2013-2014 fiscal year is due March 15th. The Arc's allocation meeting is scheduled for April 9th and all board members are invited to attend.
- Check Ceremony for DuGood by Giving is scheduled for February 22nd, 10:00 am at the Nederland Branch.

Committee Reports

Finance and Audit- Joy Barten

Statement of accounts as of January 31, 2013

Petty Cash:	\$ 50.00
Checking:	\$ 22,637.01
Money Market	\$ 172,462.71
Savings	\$ 32,750.72
Total	\$ 227,900.44

Financial Review- Joy Barten

The statement of accounts does not reflect the \$20,000 received from the 2012 Jay Bruce Golf Tournament.

Motioned to Approve Financials:

Motioned: Paula Pratt

Seconded: Beth Hudson

All Approved

Strategic Planning & Governance:

- **New Board Members-** The committee recommends the election of Tracy Nelms to the Board. Tracy is an active member of the Down Syndrome Family Group.
Motion to elect Tracy Nelms to The Arc Board of Directors:
Motioned: Mitch Watkins
Seconded: Paula Pratt
All Approved.
- **Transfer Nomination Functions to PPAM Committee-** the committee suggests nomination of new Board Members be moved to the Public Policy, Advocacy, and Membership Committee.
- **Process of Electing Officers-** the suggestion was made that we to do an officer progressing with Vice President (Mitch Watkins) to be the next President. During the April meeting we will be selecting officers to be announced at the Annual Dinner.
- **Annual Dinner Update-** We have asked for \$10,000 from Walter Umphrey, \$10,000 from YMBL, \$1,000 from Entergy and are working on letters and grants for other sponsorships.
- **Down Syndrome Family Group Report-** the group will be working on Baby Baskets this month and will be going to Moody Gardens at the end of February.

Public Policy, Advocacy, and Membership Committee:

- **March 5th My Medicaid Matters march in Austin-** a group of Self Advocates will be going
- **Committee meeting-** will be scheduled for some time in March.

Meeting Adjourned- 7:40 pm

Next Meeting:

April 15, 2013 ~ 6:00 pm Foundation for Southeast Texas Auditorium