

**The Arc of Greater Beaumont
Minutes from Board Meeting
June, 10 2013**

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

Members Present

Toye Babb
Joy Barten
Cindy Bloodsworth
Leslie Dean
Gary Gorsich
Jada Kelley
Laura McMurray
Tracy Nelms
Paula Pratt
Patrice Rabalais
Tara Rupp
Laura Soileau
Brenda Sullivan
Janice Watkins
Mitch Watkins

Members Absent

Meg Baertl
Amanda Baldwin
Jamie Due
Beth Hudson

Staff Present

Gary Hidalgo
Caitlin Kruger
Teri Hawthorne

Meeting Called to Order- 6:05 PM

Approval of Minutes from Previous Board Meeting- Mitch

April Meeting Minutes

Motioned: Tara Rupp

Seconded: Joy Barten

All in Favor

Angels for Autism Southeast Texas Check Presentation- Thanks to Janet & Brianne from Angels for Autism of SETX for coming to present The Arc of Greater Beaumont with \$10,000 to fund our 2013 Summer Day Camps

Executive Directors Report

- **Autism Services/ Region V Conference:** The Arc participated in an Autism conference Region V hosted in May. We gained quite a few new contacts and received interest in starting an Autism support group. We will be scheduling an interest meeting for the group after school starts.
- **2013 Conference August 24th:** We are finalizing speakers for our Overcoming Obstacles conference. Key note speaker Dr. Shore will hold a 2 hour presentation in the morning and attendants will be able to choose 3 sessions (out of 9 options) to attend during the afternoon. Conference will be from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm and will be held at Region V ESC. Cost for attendants will be \$25.00. Cost for all speakers is approximately \$6,000. A grant has been submitted to the DD council to help fund the cost of speakers.
- **Building/ Land Update/ Mueller Grant:** Potential of getting 2 acres of land in Beaumont donated. Still working with the property owner to finalize agreement but we are very optimistic about it. We have put in an application for a “Mueller Grant.” Mueller Grant is funded through the *Texas Country Reporter* and is an annual grant for one metal building to be built for a non-profit. Plumbing and electrical is not included. We will know about the grant in July and if we do receive it, the building will be put up in September.
- **2013 Summer Camp:** We are in the process of hiring aids for Summer Day Camps. Looking for volunteers for both camps. Kid's camp is filling up fast.
- **Development of Resource Center:** Working on finishing touches and will set a date for a grand opening sometime soon.
- **United Way Funding-** We asked for \$55,000 and received \$25,000. We received a 3.88 out of 5 rating. The United Way Allocations Committee suggested we work on statistics for each services we provided but commented that we were very fiscally responsible and had a good first time presentation. The allocations per program were as follows: \$10,000 Adult Socialization, \$10,000 Children and Family Services, \$5,000 Self Advocates. This allocation will be provided in the amount of \$2,250 per month. Some concerns the organization had were that social events like dances and bingo should be paid for by local businesses and that our summer camps should be longer than one week.
- **Kroger's Rewards:** Annual Rewards program where members of the community can register their Kroger's Rewards cards and a portion of their purchases will be given to a local nonprofit. We signed up for this LY and received a check for \$60.00. Have signed up for this year's program that will begin in August.

- **Extension Education Association of Jefferson County Donation:** received a \$600 donation from this AgriLife organization.
- **Chambers county Meeting:** Had a meeting with Judge Silvia and Mary Anne Renner (a teacher from Chambers County) to discuss possible services the Arc may provide in Chambers County. Chambers County may be willing to provide funding for some services. We will be setting up an interest meeting with residents of Chambers County within the next few months. Also in talks with Spindletop Center on a potential day-hab program in the area.
- **Spindletop Center Agreement/ Request:** We will be requesting a continuation of the \$20,000 Spindletop Grant for their 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Finalizing the Vocational Adjustment Training contract. The Arc will be taking over this program on July 1st. Classes will be held Monday and Wednesday.
- **Jefferson County Budget Request:** Sent a request for Jefferson County to continue allocating \$5,000 per year to the Arc in their budget.
- **Grant Updates:** DD Council Grant for the conference has been sent in, Mueller Grant for the metal building has been sent. Waiting on responses from both grants.

Committee Reports

Finance and Audit- Joy Barten

Statement of accounts as of May 31, 2013

Petty Cash:	\$ 50.00
Checking:	\$ 23,072.23
Money Market	\$ 172,691.54
Building Fund	\$ 40,011.89
Savings	<u>\$ 21,118.95</u>
Total	\$ 256,944.61

Financial Committee Meeting Report- Reviewed YTD P&L and seemed like we are right on track. \$40,000 was moved from savings into a new Building Fund account.

Motioned to Approve Financials:

Motioned: Cindy Bloodsworth

Seconded: Toye Babb

All Approved

Strategic Planning & Governance: Next Meeting June 18th at 5:30. Anyone is welcome to attend

- **Annual Dinner Report-** 2013 Dinner raised \$40,963.94. During the de briefing meeting came up with a few recommendations for 2014. Recommendations included: Reducing the number of awards to the Lifetime Achievement Award and the two Self Advocate Awards; increasing involvement of models throughout event; finding ways to engage parents and families in raising money for model sponsorships. Committee has recommended that we award the Lifetime Achievement award to Representative Joe Deshotel. Self-Advocate award recipients will be Allison Pratt and Richard Pentecost.
- **Children & Family Services Extended Year Program-** We are offering stipends for children ages 5 to 21 who need treatment or services that are not offered to them by the School District during the summer months. Stipend are funded through money raised during the 2012 Buddy Walk.
- **Adult Programs Update:** Held our Family Fun night on May 23rd at Bauer Ranch and had over 100 people in attendance. Lots of new faces and families. The event was showcased in the Examiner. Next event is Bingo Night to be held Thursday June 27th.

Public Policy, Advocacy, and Membership Committee:

- **By Law Changes-** each Board Member was given a copy of the updated By Laws which included updates voted upon at the April Annual Meeting.
- **Conflict of Interest Form-** all Board Members were required to fill out their annual conflict of interest disclosure form.

Meeting Adjourned- 7:35 pm

Next Meeting:

August 12, 2013 ~ 6:00 pm Foundation for Southeast Texas Auditorium