

AUTIS Board Meeting February 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 1145 am by Board Chairman Brenda Sessions

Present: Brenda Sessions, Gary Isom, Tonya McKinney, Barbara Blaylock, Brian Midkiff, Nancy Jauernig, Dave Phillips, and Kevin Gorman

Not present: Gary Korte, Dick Wyatt, Blake Denison, Tom Chilton, and Tina Benton

Reviewed Action Items:

Send By Laws to membership for approval

Done; completion date for approval is March 12, 2008

Set up meeting with the Arkansas Community Foundation

Attended by Tom Chilton, Brenda Sessions, Gary Isom, and Brian Midkiff

The recommendation was made to approve putting the majority of AUTIS' funds into an account with the Foundation.

AUTIS selects the grant process and tells the Foundation who will be awarded a grant. If the money comes from the AUTIS account with the Foundation, the awardee must be a 501.C.3 organization, if not the grant may be awarded from AUTIS' regular bank account.

AUTIS will be able to receive tax deductions from donations if made to the Foundation.

The Foundation charges a yearly 1% fee to manage the account.

A motion to approve setting up an account with the Arkansas Community Foundation was made and seconded.

Motion was approved.

Procedures for overseeing the operating, reserve funds; grants and scholarships; and the endowment fund

The proposed procedures were reviewed with discussion. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the procedures.

Motion passed

Send Sponsorship documentation to all Board members

Brenda Sessions and Nancy Jauernig are getting this together and will send it out to the Board members.

Sponsorship work by Brenda Sessions and Nancy Jauernig

Both went back several years and now have a group of names of previous sponsors. Letters requesting sponsorship will go out to this list.

If you have a prospective sponsor, please check with Nancy Jauernig to ensure a duplicate letter will not be sent.

Start arrangements with Speakers for the 2008 conference

Gary Isom has tentatively arranged for four speakers. Many more are needed.

Contact Gary Isom if you have someone in mind as one of the presenter/speakers.

Send background info on AUTIS to Tom for the Governor's invitation.

Invitation canceled for this year.

An invitation will go out to the Governor's IT person and we may try to invite the Governor next year.

Theme and conference wording

Economic Development and Education

Tom Chilton and his group are working on this.

Secretary report: (Barbara Blaylock)

Minutes from the January 15, 2008 Board meeting were reviewed.

Motion was made to approve and seconded.
Motion passed.

President's report (Tonya McKinney)

Tonya McKinney was informed by the Attorney General's Office that AUTIS would be exempt from filing a name change with their office if AUTIS received less than \$25,000.00 in donations each year.

Treasurer's report (Brian Midkiff)

The amount in the bank has not changed since the last report.
Brian Midkiff will have specific financial reports for the next AUTIS Board meeting.

Vice President report (Gary Isom)

A great deal of Gary Isom's report is in the Action Items above.
Please see the attachment for the tentative agenda for the AUTIS Conference to be held from Wednesday, June 4 to Friday, June 6, 2008.
Instead of giving the speakers an AUTIS pen, it was suggested AUTIS make a donation to the EAST program in the speaker's name (\$25.00).

AUTIS June 2008 Conference

Conference will be held June 11, 12, and 13, 2008 at the Clarion by the Lake in Hot Springs. **Please note corrected dates of conference.**

Please see the attachment regarding the Task List for the 2008 Conference.

Next Board meeting:

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 in the Big MAC conference room, third floor at 11:30am.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by Barbara Blaylock

AUTIS Secretary