

AUTIS Board Meeting July 16, 2008

Meeting called to order by Board Chairman, Brenda Sessions.

Present: Brenda Sessions, Blake Denison Gary Isom, Gary Korte, Barbara Blaylock, Tina Benton, Tom Chilton and Lisa Vest.

Not present: Dick Wyatt, Kevin Gorman, Nancy Jauernig, and Tonya McKinney.

Reviewed Action Items:

Conference Survey

The survey results were very positive. Expectations were met and the vast majority of respondents were happy with the location and the social events. The speakers received high marks as did the ability to network with others at the conference.

Financial Report:

None.

2009 AUTIS Conference

What, where, when – needs to be decided fairly quickly so that we can start putting the information out now.

The Program committee and membership committee need to start now for next year's conference.

Tasks:

1. The transfer from the former treasurer to the new treasurer has not taken place. This should be accomplished next week Brian Midkiff and Dick Wyatt
2. Need the dates and place of the 2008 AUTIS conference: Nancy Jauernig
3. Update the AUTIS webpage with the current officers and board members: Tonya McKinney
4. Press release for the grants awarded at the June 2008 AUTIS conference: Barbara Blaylock/Brenda Sessions and Lisa Vest
5. Golf tournament held in the fall: need a budget, dates and place: Nancy Jauernig
6. Updated professional looking AUTIS brochures: Lisa Vest and her committee
7. Updated AUTIS presentation: Brenda Sessions, Lisa Vest and Tina Benton
8. Sponsor opportunities: send these out as soon as have the 2009 conference dates. Lisa Vest
9. Plan to have a booth for AUTIS at the different conferences in the area and a new sign, trifold for booth, etc.
10. Possibly have the number used for door prizes on the name tag so the red tickets do not have to be used: program committee
11. Expand the grant program: governance and procedures committee
12. AUTIS representation at State level activities (Connect Arkansas as an example):
13. Meeting has been set up with Tim Woolridge on Jul 30, 2008 to explore the possibility of an IT leadership summit for high school students. Would be for 2-3 days. This would bring AUTIS back to mentoring but in this case it would be high school students.
14. The idea of presenting sponsors who have been AUTIS sponsors for at least 5-10 consecutive years a plaque for their support.

Report on Committees

Gary Isom the AUTIS president has met with the chairs of all the committees except finance. There should be some reports/presentations from those committee chairs at the August 2008 AUTIS board meeting.

Other business: None

New business: None

Meeting Adjourned

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, August, 13, 2008 at the Real Estate Commission.

Submitted by Barbara Blaylock
AUTIS Secretary