

AAIDD Executive Committee Meeting
May 23, 2008
Minutes

The AAIDD Executive Committee met on Friday, May 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at SCDDSN Central Office and the following people were present: Rick Magner, Jason Tavenner, Debbie Walsh, Grady Evans, Jay Altman, Nikki Bramlett, Bill Barfield, Ron Lofts, and Terry Schilling. Rick called the meeting to order and said he was going to skip the invocation and asked if there was any discussion about that. He then asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. Grady made a motion that the minutes be approved, Jay seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jason distributed the treasurer's report for review. Ron made a motion that we approve the report, Grady seconded the motion, and it passed.

Committee Reports:

- Membership – Terry said that we now have 94 members. She had previously sent out letters to people whose memberships had expired and it looks as though we have had some people to renew their memberships as a result.
- Education – No report
- Historian/Website – No report
- Direct Support Professional – Nikki said that she is working on a survey and hopes to get it out to the Executive Directors soon.
- SCAAIDD Newsletter – Ron is hoping to have a newsletter out by the first week in June. David Rotholz said that he was hoping to have something to put in, but he will be tied up at the National AAIDD Conference next week and may not be able to get anything in. We did talk a little about Yom Kippur falling during the week of the conference and that we might want to consider that next year when we plan the conference. Rick said that this was partly why he thought we should re-think having an invocation during our meetings.
- Nominations/Awards – Grady said that we need to elect three members at large, treasurer, secretary, and 1st Vice Chair for the coming year. Sims, Jay, and Grady are on the committee. The call for nominations will also go out in the newsletter.
- Conference Committee – Debbie said that the theme is “Seasons of Life” and that we have two key note speakers confirmed.
- Legislative News – Bill said that SCDDSN was treated very well this year. The funding for case management changes did not get approved, but there is a moratorium at the national level. The Senate passed the moratorium with enough votes to over-ride a veto, if necessary. SCDDSN received three million for in-home supports. PDD funding was approved. The Greenwood Genetics Treatment Center received the other ½ of the monies needed for the new facility. Special Olympics funding was completely cut. There is an across the board \$900,000 state cut, which will mean about a \$2,000,000 cut for SCDDSN. Twenty five residential beds have been taken off line. A one percent raise is still included in

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the final budget. The law to require licensing or certification for direct support professionals didn't make it to the Senate, but did go to the Ways and Means Committee. Bill doesn't think it will go any further this year. The budget will now go to the Governor and he may veto some of the line items. Ron asked how solid the income for the state is. Bill said the economic forecasters are now saying that the economy is looking better. SCDDSN will still come up with a plan in the event there is a cut in January 2009. The 1% raise was discussed and it will not make a lot of difference for direct support workers. They may see only a \$5.00 increase in their check (about 9¢ an hour increase).

- AAIDD News/Developments – David was not able to stay for the Executive Committee meeting so we will get a report from him at our next meeting.

The annual filing with the Secretary of State was submitted, but without the 501(c)(3) letter. Jason said that he couldn't find a copy and when he called to get a copy from the IRS, they stated that they had an application, but that the process had never been completed. This seems very unlikely and Bill suggested that we discuss this at our next meeting. Copies of this letter should be kept with our secretary and treasurer's files. Maybe we can check with some other members to find out if they have copies.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Schilling
SCAAIDD Membership Chairman