The Executive Committee met on Friday, March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at SCDDSN and the following people were present: Jay Altman, John Hitchman, Nikki Bramlett, Ron Lofts, Lois Park Mole, Renee Staggs, Crystal Wright, and Terry Schilling.

Nikki welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order and asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from our last meeting. Lois made a motion that the minutes be approved, Jay seconded the motion, and it passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Lois reported that there were no monies coming in or going out this month so our balance remains at $32,189.77.

Old Business:

A. Rebate from National AAIDD – We received a survey to complete in order to receive our rebate from AAIDD. Last year we received a large check which was for the wrong amount, so we returned it to AAIDD. We never did receive a check for the correct amount so Lois will check on that.

New Business:

A. Strategic Plan – Nikki had spoken with Kevin about the direct support group we discussed at our last meeting. There was some discussion about a reduced rate to “join” the South Carolina chapter unofficially, but there was some confusion about when this rate would be available – now or after the group was formed. We also reminded everyone that the ball was in their court (direct support professionals) for deciding how they would organize their group, have contact with one another, etc. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

B. Silent auction item - Nikki said that David Rotholz informed her that AAIDD has requested an item for the silent auction which will be held at the annual conference in Charlotte. We discussed several items that could be purchased and Nikki said she would take care of this. Ron made a motion that we spend $100.00 for the silent auction item, Terry seconded the motion, and it passed.
Committee Reports:

A. Membership – Terry reported that we have 74 members at this time. It is going to be more difficult to determine how we are doing as compared to last year because the National Association is now varying expiration dates as opposed to having all dates expire December 31st each year. So, if someone joins in March, their expiration date will be the following March. People will definitely have to keep up with their expiration dates.

B. Education – Crystal reminded us that we need to offer a session for people who work in CRCFs so that they can receive continuing education hours.

C. Historian/Website/Newsletter – Ron said that he would like to get out a newsletter once we decide on whether the annual conference will be at the beach or in Columbia in October. We talked about the website which needs to be updated. The award winners are not listed. We also plan to leave the sponsors for our conference last year on the website until we change them out with this year’s sponsors in September. Ron said that he would follow up with our website contact.


E. Nominations/Awards – Renee Staggs will handle this and Rufus has agreed to assist her.

F. Conference Committee – John reported that the conference committee met before the Executive Committee and that they plan to look at budget issues at the April meeting and decide at that time if we still want to go back to the beach. We had thought this decision had already been made, but some budget concerns came up and the committee felt a final decision needed to be delayed until next month.

G. Legislative News – Lois stated that the budget had made it through the House and had now gone to the Senate Finance Committee.

H. AAIDD News/Development – The National conference is in Charlotte this year and Nikki will be attending as our representative. Several other people said they might go to all or part of the conference.

There was no further business, so Jay made a motion to adjourn, John seconded the motion, and it passed.
NEXT MEETING:  April 27th at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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