

DSANV Board of Directors Meeting- November 16, 2016

DSANV OFFICES

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Board members attending in person-

Katie Ramchand, Brad Lee, Charlotte Woodward, Jessica Kuss, David Egan, Dorene Ryder, Casey Craig, Nora Bahamonde, Abel Sussman. Board members attending by phone: Heather Gogola, Heather Trammell, Erin Thompson, Dave Hoffman.

Welcome and President's Report.

Items for President's report will be covered in more detail during the agenda discussions. Funding, Approvals

Motion by Sean Salins to approve the agenda as written

- Motion seconded by Abel Sussman.
- All in favor.
- Motion is approved.

Motion by David Egan to approve the minutes for the September meeting.

- Motion seconded by Jessica Kuss.
- All in favor.
- Motion approved.

Motion by Katie Ramchand to approve the list of new members as provided.

- Motion seconded by Dorene Ryder.
- All in favor.
- Motion approved.

Executive Director Report-

New Parent Breakfast 24 September– 15 new families showed up. We will plan to keep it at 3 per year for the time being.

Lost Rhino Pig Roast raised over \$1000 and it was a great event.

Buddy Walk – Increase in pledges, plus additional in fees donated. Currently at 206,000 with some money still coming in.

Self-advocates afterschool program – dance program with 12 participants, starting new program with ArtStream on an Acting program – this is the first time we have partnered with them to do a program together.

Monday we had first Self-Advocate Wellness Program in Arlington. In 2017 we are going to try to do an expanded program in the Arlington/Alexandria.

Holiday Party – over 300 people signed up so far. Discussion of inviting Cameron's Chocolates, Bloom café to sell small goods at the holiday party. Discussion of whether to consider expanding, setting some rules going forward if there is good feedback this year.

Elementary school aged group - will try to target that group with a movie night.

Toilet training seminar coming up Saturday with 19 people signed up, a NDSC replay of a conference presentation. If goes well, interested in increasing options such as this.

Discussion of CFC outreach and Giving Tuesday. Will attempt to promote on social media.

Financial Report (Joe Lintott/Dorene Ryder)--- In very good shape – 193K in investment, 193K in checking.; 28K in Money Market. Operating income in 3 months increments, need to identify what our quarterly expenses are.

Budgeting \$40,000 for miscellaneous fundraising.

If Board Members are interested in attending DSAIA, please consider registering prior to 1 December.

Camperships converted to fully needs based.

Educational seminars

Have a \$4500 grant for Buddy Walk on Washington registrations.

New Business

2017 Budget Motion by Sean Salins to approve budget as written.

- Motion seconded by Jessica Kuss
- All in favor.
- Budget approved.

Buddy Walk Licensing – The board discussed the costs and benefits of using the Buddy Walk licensing for our walk. Board agreed that the first step would be to approach NDSS to renegotiate the licensing fee.

Survey Responses – Breakdown of survey responses; 112 responses, generally quite positive. Location and age group tend to be the biggest determinants in differences in surveys. Discussion of how to ensure we capture the Spanish-speaking population in our survey responses.

Fundraising- As budgeted, we need to plan for \$10,000 per quarter in miscellaneous fundraising. Discussion of need to message appropriately and diversify the targets of our fundraising.

Waiver support for families – Discussion of whether there is a need and or role for DSANV to play in assisting families with setting up waiver services. General consensus is that we can point people to existing resources, and that the needs are so individual to each family, that directing people to resources rather than trying to direct people to one facilitator over another is probably the most appropriate course of action.

Technology- Casey and Joe met with Captera Analyst, but it yielded little that would be of relevance to the organization. DSAIA looking at four software packages – what we have found is that the reality of having a single package for CRM, DonorDrive, etc. is not realistic. We are moving forward on the email change to Google.

RaceForRespect – Originally conceived of as a third big fundraiser. Board discussed whether we want to remain involved, nothing there is a potential for our own race two weeks prior. Board concurred on not participating this year.

Social Media- Nothing significant to report.

Legislative- Board voted by an overwhelming majority to champion Education initiatives, including inclusion, anti-bullying, and diploma options, as our primary legislative advocacy item.

UPA update- Nora has been trying to get in touch with leadership unsuccessfully. We have heard that some of our membership is concerned about immigration status post election. There was discussion of what DSANV can and cannot do. We can confirm membership in the organization, we cannot advocate for any member's individual immigration status. Discussed referring the individuals who ask to local legal aid services.

Motion by David Egan to adjourn the meeting.

- Motion seconded by Dorene Ryder.
- All in favor.
- Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Ramchand

Vice -President