

## DSANV Board of Directors Meeting- September 21, 2017

### DSANV OFFICES

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

Board members attending in person: Dave Hoffman, David Egan, Sean Salins, Casey Craig, Jessica Kuss, Charlotte Woodward, Dorene Ryder, Katie Ramchand

Board members attending by phone: Heather Trammell, Erin Thompson, Nora Bahamonde.

Not available: Abel Sussman.

Member Attendees: Susan Capuano.

#### **1) President's Report**

- Need to talk about programs for 2018.
- Next meeting will build budget, and commitments to lead programs. Will want two leaders for each program; can't rely on Joe to do it all.
- Requesting monthly Exec Dir report. Board members expected to read in advance; de-emphasize going through all of it at board meetings and instead focus board meetings on working.
- Casey stepping down after 2017.
- Katie interested in taking on President role.
- Anyone else is welcome to express an interest in the role as well. We will need to discuss in Nov.
- Will need to backfill board positions

#### **2) Approvals**

Motion by Sean Salins to approve the agenda as written

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

Motion by Dave Hoffman approve the minutes for the July 2017 meeting.

- Motion seconded by Sean Salins.
- All in favor.
- Motion approved.

Motion by Heather Trammell to approve list of new members as provided.

- Motion seconded by Charlotte Woodward.
- All in favor.
- Motion approved.

#### **3) Executive Director Update**

- Water Mine event – nice event, good attendance. Recommend keeping it.
- Oakton Zumba classes done. 15 self-advocates participated. Physically demanding program.

- 15 families at new parent breakfast. 4 parent mentors, some volunteers. ~60 people overall.
  - o Next one in Jan (3x year)
- Co-hosted “Creating the Future” conference w/ Dr. Capone from Kennedy Kreiger. Addresses mental health in adults.
  - o 128 participants
  - o 93% attendance rate
  - o initial thoughts are that it was a good event
- Champion Football started.
  - o Woodson HS this year
  - o 40 players (program is full)
  - o There is now a gap in Loudon Co programming. Would love for a school out there to do a couple of trial sessions.
- Dance class for adults to start in Oct.
- Washington Speech is having trouble finding social events for adults. Will start a bingo night. They will provide volunteers and SLPs. Goal is monthly.
- Oct 28 – Brambleton Run. 150 people signed up so far.
  - Volunteer help requested by organizer. Sean Salins to contact potential for help.

#### 4) Financial Update

Finances are the same as they were this time last year, despite the Buddy Walk income being approximately \$12,000 less than at this time in 2016.

#### 5) New Business

##### a. Buddy Walk

- Essentially the same balance as this time last year; some delta based on what Buddy Walk expenses we have paid for.
- 102 teams (15 in last week) which is higher than last year.
- Last week, 20% revenue in BW, previous week was 17%
- Revenue is down overall. (We broke \$100K this week. \$9K down from this point last year.)
- About 150 VIPs so far (individuals with Ds)
- BW expenses are under budget currently.
- Discussion of last two weeks leading up to the Buddy Walk.
  - o Imagine the Possibilities bios will start being posted daily. Have about 30.
  - o There will be raffles in the vendor tents.

- o Committee member got some high-end raffle items. Want to do a high-end raffle online. Working to figure out how. May hold raffle open all month, ending at Zombie run.
- o Merchandise will be here on the 28th. Katie will bring it to BW. Mugs (\$13), hats (\$12), fleeces (pricey).

**b. Programming**

- Discussion of what programs do we want for 2018. Board would like to get to a plan for the year and assign leaders (board members).
  - o Conference or seminar (e.g. safety-focused)
  - o Input from Member Susan Capuano: social and work are most important for her 26-year-old son (dual Ds-Autism, very socially oriented). Social at the adult level are most important. Skills are important, but I don't look to DSANV for skills (e.g. autism specialist paid for by the waiver that comes to her home). Advocacy is an important role for an organization such as DSANV.
  - o For advocacy, if non-partisan topic that we as a Board can get behind, we can consider it. We look to the national organizations to tackle the gov-level issues.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Woodward

Board Secretary