



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.
Lovaas Institute Conference Room
3rd Floor, Calhoun Beach Club, Minneapolis

Board Members:

Present: Randall Bachman, Kim Schulze, John Mulligan, Tammy Meyer, Eric Larsson, Asneth Omare, Lisa Barsness, Peggy Howell, Jennifer Larson

Excused: Kathryn Nordberg

Others Present: Amy Sippl

Proceedings:

Review of Minutes from October Meeting

- Attendees were provided with meeting notes from the October board meeting. Minutes were reviewed by the board and approved to be submitted without changes.

ARF Financials

- Board Chairman Randy Bachman reviewed the 2016 financials (see attached documents). The current account balance (including funds from the fall fundraising event and Give to the Max Day) is \$25,734.

Election of Officers

- Bachman requested that in accordance with the board's bi-laws that we elect a Chairperson and Treasurer for 2017. Bachman agreed to continue as Chairperson and Board Member John Mulligan agreed to continue as Treasurer. Board Member Asneth Omare motioned to approve the officers for 2017, seconded by Board Member Lisa Barsness. Motion approved.
- Bachman issued a request for a Vice-Chair. The position will remain open until otherwise filled.

2017 Proposed Budget

- Bachman reviewed the event budget and scholarship budgets from last year in a proposed 2017 budget (see attached documents). After discussion, the board reviewed awarding 10 scholarship applications (with the potential to add more if funds allow).
- Mulligan motioned to approve the proposed 2017 budget, seconded by Board Member Tammy Meyer. Motion approved.

November Fundraising Event

- Board members reviewed the outcomes of the November 12th fundraising event:
 - Board Member Tammy Meyer has agreed to continue planning for a 2017 fundraising event, including finalizing date and available times for the Humphrey Center in Minneapolis.
 - Other recommendations included having the involvement of adults with ASD as important as well as videos of the event.
 - Ideas to secure a "major" event sponsor of \$10,000 or more were also discussed.
 - The board approved proceeding with planning for the fall event.

Long-Term Fundraising and Grants

- Bachman reviewed additional strategies to enhance ARF's fundraising capacity including hiring a grant writer, Olmstead Innovation Community Grants, social bonding programs, and the relationship development of future donors.

Committee Reports

- Scholarship Committee Chair Lisa Barsness reported on the current scholarship applicants. 10 applicants were reviewed for the Spring 2017 awards and the committee submitted 5 recommendations to the board (Janet Belland, Kaylieh Bell, Kristen Jesch, Megan Olson & Paige Wildenauer). The Board approved the scholarship awards.
- Canteen Grant Committee Chair Asneth Omare reported on the 2017 proposed budget. The board agreed to provide \$3000 (total of 6 awardees) for the current grant cycle. A recommendation to increase awareness among the ABA providers was also made.

New Board Members

- Bachman requested that the board continue to add members in 2017. His recommendations included Anna Theisen-Olson, parent advocate who assisted at the event in November. Other invitations included Guthrie fundraising staff and St. Cloud State faculty.
- John Mulligan motioned that the board move forward with inviting new members. Motion approved.

DHS EIDBI Implementation

- Bachman and Eric Larsson reported updates on current implementation of the EIDBI benefit. Bachman will continue to meet with DHS on an ongoing basis as well as others (e.g., Amy Hewitt at University of Minnesota) to continue moving towards effective implementation.

Legislation

- Bachman reported on the 2017 Legislative session including:
 - MNCCD Tuesdays at the Capitol
 - EIDBI Benefit
 - Star Tribune interest in legislative session and the ongoing issues in ABA funding
 - Revisions to the Affordable Care Act, including Medicaid block grants
 - BCBA Licensure bill
- Board members are encouraged to contact Bachman or Board Member Eric Larsson with any questions about legislative efforts and this year's session.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
 - The next board meeting is set for Wednesday March 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Calhoun Beach Club.
 - Board meetings for 2017 set at: May 10; July 12; September 13; October 11
 - Amy Sippl will set up video capabilities via Skype/WebEx if needed.

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2017 ARF Proposed Budget

Revenue

Source	Amount
Fundraiser Event	17,000
Additional Contributions	8,000
Total	25,000

Expenses

Fundraising Expenses	9,000
10 Scholarships	10,000
6 Canteen grants	3,000
Other Expenses	3,000
Total	25,000

Fund balance reserve 25,734

1.5.17 ARF 2016 Overview

Event Income

Pledges	Total Pledge	Paid to date	Diff
	14,500	12,500	2,000
Additional \$		2069	
Total Event		14,569	

Event Expenses 8,934.39

Net 5,634.61

2015 Event Income from 2015 Event

1.11.16	Behavioral Therapy Sol.	1000
1.11.16	Medtronic	250
Total		1250

Additional 2016 Contributions

1.4.16	Advisors Gift Fund	2000
1.25.16	K Foundation	1997.1
4.11.16	United Way	217.62
5.9.16	Community Svcs MN	140
12.22.16	Michael Meyer	500
12.22.16	Advisors Gift Fund	5000
Total		9854.72

total Income, all sources 16,739.33

Scholarships, 9 students "9000"

Canteen grants, 2 families "1000"

1.4.16 Balance 21,441.28

Current Balance 25,734