

**AAIDD Meeting Minutes  
Louisiana Chapter  
June 24, 2009**

Members Present: Chrys Vildibill, David Van Gossen, Julia Lott, Dene Pickney, Joyce Loudon, Yvonne Miller-Nixon, Doanie Doucet, Kara Bertrand.

**I. Agenda:** Meeting was called to order by President Vildibill. A copy of the agenda was distributed for review and approval. No objections.

**I. Board Meeting Minutes Approval:** David Van Gossen motioned to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2009. It was seconded by Doanie Doucet. All approved.

**II. Financial Report:** The contract with the Resource Center has been approved and we will be getting out check very soon.

The jump drives were distributed to each officer. It was also suggested that we buy a portable hard drive to download information from the jump drive.

**~Action: Chrys will develop a process for maintaining documentation of AAIDD data for officers and members.**

The financial statement was distributed which included a balance sheet, an income statement and the general ledger. It was moved by Joyce Loudon that the financial statement be accepted. David Van Gossen seconded the acceptance. All approved.

**IV. Request from People First:** A representative from People First had contacted the President of the Board seeking a forum where they would have the opportunity to give information on being an advocate for the people of LA. They would like for us to schedule some time, possibly an hour, at our Annual Meeting to let us and others know what they do. After much discussion, it was agreed that we could not fit them into the Annual Meeting schedule, but we could let them know about the Regional Provider Meetings where they could possibly get on the agenda.

**~Action: Chrys will call People First to let them know about the Provider Meetings in the Regions for their sessions.**

**V. Update on Disaster Kits for Money received.:** The Board received information about two different kits, that could be purchased from the monies that we received from the National AAIDD. The deluxe personal safety emergency pack with bag was \$19.95 and the Emergency Preparedness Kit Adult 3 day was \$49.95. There was much discussion about which kit to purchase, how we distribute the kits, which agency should we give the kits to, which region, and who should distribute them. A motion was made by Kara Bertrand to purchase the Emergency Preparedness Kit Adult 3 day and send them to Region 5. It was seconded by Doanie Doucet, and approved by the Board.

- ~Action: Yvonne will order the Kits and send them to Doanie Doucet.**
- ~Action: Julia will make labels to place on the kits.**
- ~Action: Chrys will write a letter to go with the kits and send it to Connie Mead, the CRSA in Region 5 prior to the delivery of the kits.**

**VI. President Elect Report:** The president distributed the award nomination report in the absence of the president elect. The report included the criteria for awards, a nomination form and a description of the awards. The report should be sent out to anybody in LA. And we need to talk it up as much as we can. The report was adopted by the Board.

**~Action: Chrys will get the final award nomination report to the Board by next week.**

**~Action: Kara will e-mail Sharon to find out what she wants to do with the Award applications that are received.**

**VII Vice President of Membership Report:** Julia stated that we are doing well. We have had a 115% increase in our membership from January. Our goal is 135 members. A letter was submitted encouraging persons to renew their membership in AAIDD. The letter is also an opportunity to promote the trainings. A motion was made by Joyce Loudon and seconded by Doanie Doucet to accept the letter of membership renewal. All agreed. The call for board nominations need to go out very soon. A letter on the call for nominations was distributed which included all of the open positions. We will need a President Elect, Vice President of Conference, Vice President of Training, Vice President of Marketing and Treasurer. It was motioned by Yvonne Nixon and seconded by Kara Bertrand that the letter on call for nominations be accepted. All approved.

**~Action: Julia will get the Call for Board Nominations out by June 26, 2009.**

**VIII. Vice President of Marketing:** A copy of the revised strategic plan was distributed to all Board Members present. Our web page is constantly being updated and all of the current material is being placed on the web page.. Thanks to David Van Gossen.

There was a discussion about contact for our data at Northwestern State University.

**~Action: Yvonne will check in Suzanne Box for a name of a contact person at Northwestern State University for our data.**

**~Action: Yvonne will also talk with Sharon Gomez to determine why our historical material is located at Northwestern State University.**

**IX. Vice President of Training:** Two trainings will be held in August on “Balancing Human Rights, Individual Choice and Regulatory Guidelines.”

August 19, 2009 in Baton Rouge, LA - Bienville Building Room 118. Denise and Chrys will do the training with Joyce and Sylvia assisting with training set-up etc.

August 27, 2009 in Bossier City at Northwest Supports and Services Center with Denise doing the training and Kara and April assisting with training set-up etc.

The training will be from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm with registration beginning at 9:30 am. Registration will cost \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non members, with a no response policy.

**~Action: Doanie will provide flyers for the training.**

**X Vice President of Conference:** The Annual Meeting will be held October 19-20 at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, LA. Seventy-five guest rooms have been booked at a \$70.00 standard rate. The Registration for both days will be \$125.00. Tim Quinn has agreed to speak at the conference doing a 2 ½ hours presentation on Day One and a 4 hours presentation with his wife on Day two, for \$2,500 plus travel expenses. After much discussion about price and double travel cost. It was agreed to accept Tim Quinn proposal with some discussion with him.

**~Action: Yvonne will do a contract for service for Tim Quinn**

**~Action: Chrys will do some negotiations with Tim Quinn to determine if we can get a better price with them.**

**~Action: Doanie will follow up with the Paragon Casino to get information on equipment and cash bar potentials. Also to let them know that we need a brunch and a meal.**

**Next Meeting: September 2, 2009 in Lafayette – Location to be determined.**

**Submitted by;**

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