

Minutes of the Autism Support Group of Grant County March 13, 2023 Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Nelson. Emailed minutes were approved. A treasurer's report included a \$1047.58 payment to Marshall Signs and Graphic and a \$62 payment for renting a PO Box at Going Postal. The ending balance is \$3756.69.

There was discussion concerning the days and times of the parent support groups. No changes were made to the existing schedule.

Jill gave an updated report from the April Autism Celebration committee. Preparations are in place and the event is scheduled for April 22 at the ATS parking area in Moses Lake.

Stephanie reported via email on the success of the parent support groups in Ephrata and Moses Lake.

Kathy gave an update from the walk committee. Save the date half sheets were passed out to members to share. In addition, every member received five sponsorship forms and five brochures to pass out to area businesses and individuals. It was suggested that we call CB tech for walk volunteers.

Chris reported that Tommer construction is being contacted about the rock work on the ribbon site.

We discussed encouraging board members to attend at least 50% of business meetings each year. Shelley suggested that we add more advisers to our board from area businesses and organizations. It was also suggested that we list board members on our website. It was moved, seconded, and passed to have Stephanie chair the Parent Support Group committee.

A list of the standing committees was formed:

Walk committee: Donna Nelson, Kathy Hamlett – co-chairman

Ribbon committee: Kris Thomas

Parent Support Group committee: Stephanie Kane

Scholarship committee: Jill Bross

April Autism Celebration committee: Michael Bross

Kathy and Donna reported that they have a meeting with Jamie Bessett, Director of Special Education in Ephrata and Sharon Scellick, Director of Professional Development. The topic of the meeting will be how our Autism group might be able to facilitate bringing in educational opportunities for teachers and other staff to learn about autism.

Respectfully Submitted,