

## NHSLHA BOARD MEETING 6/12/2013

Present: June Adinah, Todd Butler, Vicki Chesterley, Cass Chapman, Gina England, Barbara Ahlgren, Erin Fortier, Lara Darling

1. Reading of the Minutes: Accepted
2. We have the possibility of a treasurer, according to Vicki. Her name is Carolyn Garretson and she is considering the position.
3. Officers reports: none
4. Old business
  - a) Membership renewal date – talked about May as the month. Vicki talked with folks at the conference in March and a number of people said that if the membership fee is included in the conference fee then school pays for it. If not included then folks feel they wouldn't join. Barbara commented that our fee is a bit higher than others – many are \$45 or 50. Ours used to be \$50 but now is \$60. Vicki said that some states like CA charge \$100 and up. Do we want to keep renewals in May or not? Do we want to keep our conference in March (this worked well because the space is free for us)? YES, we want to keep the conference in March. We voted to keep the renewal date in March (March 1<sup>st</sup>)– all present voted in favor of this. On another note, Vicki & Erin will forward their membership info. to Cass via email.
  - b) Updates via email from Vicki have been well received by our members and tells people what we are busy doing.
  - c) Crimson Designs is working on our website. Emily is working and in communication with Vicki and Todd. We need to change Amy Tyson's name as the name on our domain.... Todd wonders if we want to create a Facebook page or get going with Twitter? No one volunteered tonight. Todd asked if we need to shift from AOL email to GMAIL? YES we want to switch to GMAIL. Vicki volunteered to do the switch for us to GMAIL. We talked again about Gina's idea for a blog to share resources. Todd said we could share this on Twitter and FACEBOOK as well or instead of a blog – it all can be linked with our website. Gina shared that the Geek SLP group on Linked In is very good.
5. CSAP – Lara mentioned it would be great if Todd could go to meetings. Our budget is not so flush that we feel we can pay for this right now. Todd is working on finding funding and has been in contact with Susan about CSAP.
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Communication Buddies: Vicki has had extensive communication with the man who is wanting a communication buddy. He has communication difficulties and wanted a communication evaluation done in Nashua for a court case. He won't have it done anywhere else and he can't access area hospital outpatient SLPs for this due to being asked to not use some of these facilities any more. He feels that some of his issues are due to his

religion. He may have Asperger's but doesn't have a diagnosis of this. Vicki shared info. with him. Vicki wasn't comfortable volunteering to be his communication buddy. We had a number of questions about his needs, competency, legal issues.....We were in agreement that it appears that the first step is for him to get an evaluation and a formal diagnosis. We suggested that at this point, we try to deflect his request.

- b) Next Conference: we should get started on it.
  - Date: Friday, March 21, 2014
  - Location: not Nashua this time – central location TBD –Laconia was put out as a possibility. There is a Tech school in Laconia, hotel right at Exit 20, mill, etc. that can be explored.
  - Topic suggestions: not discussed
  - Speakers: not discussed
  - Fund-raising: not discussed
  - Chair: Gina will be the point person.

Someone suggested to Vicki that people bring in their old therapy materials on the day of the conference, and they get sold and the proceeds go to NHSLHA.

#### 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) Gina heard from Jon Clancy who said ASHA is looking for a NH rep. to the advisory council. It is a 2 year commitment. Step 1 – is there a Board member interested in this? If a Board member is interested, contact Vicki by 6/19. Step 2 – We will put it out to the membership via email.
- b) Advance magazine – Gina said the website is terrific. They have links to all the state organization. Robyn Kingsley is still identified as our president. We need to change this. Todd will contact them.
- c) Lara: she wonders if we are done with our old logo – we are not yet done with it. Lara is interested in acquiring our old one. Todd will let Lara know once the website is up and running.
- d) June gave a brief update on the NH Council on Autism. Not much to report right now.
- e) Cathy is working on transferring the CEU info. to Todd (he has been in touch with her). It is in process
- f) forms have been sent to ASHA for our 5 year review. We await word.

#### 7. Upcoming Meetings:

JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> (TUES.) at 6:30 pm (Vicki will check with Granite Ledges)

\*\*This was Vicki's last meeting as our president – woohoo and a big thank you for all the hard work!!!

MINUTES taken by June Adinah

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm