

Autism Support Group of Grant County
Meeting Minutes
July 13th 2023

Attending: Donna Nelson, Jill, Shelly, Laura, Kathy Hamlet, Mike, and Valerie Roberts

Minutes of the previous meeting were emailed in advance to all in attendance. There were no corrections and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer report by Shelly

July balances

- \$15,220 at Columbia Basin Foundation
- \$1,970.30 in the checking

Support group report given by Donna for Stephanie

- There was no attendance at the June or the July support group meetings in Moses Lake. The Moses Lake meeting night coincided with the 4th of July fireworks celebration. There has been good feedback on Facebook regarding interest.
- No one has been attending the Ephrata support group. The group brainstormed ideas for going forward.

Walk committee report given by Valerie

- It was announced that online registration is now available. This year there will be no paper registration or registration drop off points.
- The registration deadline is September 7th for a T-shirt to be ordered. No shirt orders can be placed after that deadline.
- Advertising will begin during the month of August. Stephanie is developing the posters to be distributed throughout the area.
- The committee has received almost \$4,000 in sponsorships. Information has been distributed to businesses throughout Ephrata (44 by Kathy) and Quincy (22 by Donna/Valerie). The committee is hopeful that sponsorship materials can be distributed in the Moses Lake area.

Ribbon repair update report given by Mike

- Mike reported that he had been told by Mike Selleck that the ribbon is almost ready.
- Shelly asked Mike to get the balance due amount for the ribbon so the money can be in place to cover the cost.
- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to authorize up to \$1,200 for Rock for around the base of the ribbon. Mike will move forward on the details.
- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to authorize up to \$500 to replace the light at the ribbon.
- It was also noted that it might be a good idea to place a sign near the ribbon that indicates the area is maintained by the Autism Support Group of Grant County. It may also be good to put a sign up asking visitors not to throw rocks or gravel.

Scholarship committee report given by Valerie

- A thank you note was received from Richard Roloff, this year's recipient.
- Valerie noted the need to increase our current \$500 amount.
- Shelly was added to the committee of Jill, Valerie, and Sharon to evaluate the qualifications and criteria for the 2024 scholarship funds.
- Sharon Selleck was available via phone for this portion of the meeting and she indicated that the committee should look at mid-fall as a completion time for establishing the criteria and the application form in order to provide students time to apply for an award.
- Sharon also indicated that it may be good to contact Kristen at Columbia Basin Foundation regarding procedures that they use and the services they provide regarding scholarships. Shelly will contact CBF and gather the information for the committee to review.
- Group discussion indicated it might be worthwhile to consider scholarship funds for quarterly activities, community education, and family and community involvement. It was also noted that because we are a countywide organization, we should be publicizing opportunities to all the schools in the county.
- Jill will set a meeting time and date and notify the committee members.

Quincy Farmer Consumer Awareness parade in September

The group gave unanimous support to participate in this parade.

- Discussion was held on the purchase of group-centered banners for parade purposes. Shelly moved and Laura seconded to authorize up to \$300 for such banners. Motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer sign up to help sassy plants

- Laura agreed to help September 16th.

Submitted by:

Valerie Roberts on behalf of Kathy Hamlet.