

**Gulf Coast Down Syndrome Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 14, 2010**

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda:

Kim Duffy called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. and offered the agenda for approval. No additions were made to the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda; it was seconded. The vote to approve the agenda was unanimous.

Board members in attendance were:

Kim Duffy – President

Cindy Hansen – Vice President

Riley McIlwain – Treasurer

Mary Langenbacker – Secretary

Darlana Stratton

Jennifer Hamner

Donna Brewer – new board member

Beth Goellner – new board member

Regina Rosskopf, Eric Trouerbach, Jerry Martin and Deidre Davis were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Mary Langenbacker read the minutes from the November 2009 meeting aloud. Kim Duffy suggested a correction of the facilitator who was suggested for a strategic planning meeting for the organization. The correct suggestion was JCCAC. Cindy made the motion to approve the minutes and Riley seconded the motion. All in attendance voted to approve said minutes with the one correction to be made of JCCACA motion was made to accept the minutes, and it was seconded. The vote to accept the minutes as read was unanimous.

Election of New Officers:

Election of new officers for vacant positions of President and Secretary were the first order of business. A nomination and motion was made by Kim Duffy for Cindy Hansen as President, the motion was seconded by Darlena. Cindy Hansen was unanimously voted to fill the Presidency position of GCDSS.

A nomination by Darlena Stratton for Donna Brewer as Secretary was made; the motion was seconded by Kim Duffy. Donna Brewer was unanimously voted to fill the position of Secretary for GCDSS.

A board position vacancy was created as the result of the resignation of Linda Stewart. The motion was made by Cindy Hansen to nominate Beth Goellner as a board member; the motion was second and Beth Goellner was unanimously voted to serve as a new board member.

Financial Report:

Donna Brewer turned in monies that she received from the calendars which she delivered to various individuals who had requested them. The monies represent donations that the individuals desired to make to GCDSS.

A motion was made by Riley to send the sum of \$500.00 to NDSS as an affiliation of the organization. The motion was seconded by Jennifer and all voted to approve this motion. The sum of \$500.00 will be sent to the NDSS as the contribution from proceeds raised by GCDSS 2009 Buddy Walk.

The financial reports which Riley prepared and made copies available to each board member were reviewed as a group. Riley indicated that he will prepare a line item budget proposal for 2010 based on the actual expenses incurred in 2009.

Committee Development:**(1) Buddy Walk**

Those in attendance expressed that the Buddy Walk Chairperson vacancy should be filled by Darlena Stratton. The motion was made by Donna Brewer for Darlena to serve as Chairperson for the 2010 Buddy Walk the motion was seconded by Cindy. Darlena was unanimously voted to serve as the Buddy Walk Chairperson for the 2010 GCDSS Buddy Walk.

(2) Support Group

Cindy Hansen reported on establishing a Harrison County support group meeting location for a Saturday afternoon. This would allow a second support group to be held each month. Darlena made the suggestion to rotate the support group location every second Saturday, this motion was seconded by Mary. Cindy will check about the availability of the proposed Gulfport location for rotation of support group meetings. It was also suggested by Cindy that we could use this location for the Valentine's Day party and that she would inquire about the availability for that day and time.

(3) New Parent

Kim Duffy reported that Dana Drake wished to continue her position as New Parent Liaison and the board unanimously agreed that this was appropriate.

Board Development:

Kim Duffy advised that she would be attending the parent training program in Jackson on February 23 and 24, 2010 in Jackson. We also discussed the Arbor Day event by Disability Connection. The board unanimously decided that we would participate by setting up a booth and being present. The information about the event would also be posted on the web site.

A motion was made that Bo Collins be voted to fill the Self-Advocate position on behalf of GCDSS. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

The decision was made to opt-out of any participation in Mardi Gras events due to the lack of interest.

New Business:

Topics of new business were not presented.

Announcements:

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Approved:

CINDY HANSEN, President

Attested:

DONNA L. BREWER, Secretary