

The Hope Center for Autism, Inc.
Minutes of a Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2014
1695 SE Indian Street, Stuart, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Vice-President Linda Peirce.

Directors Present, Linda Peirce, Cheryl Hendrix, and Jim Applegate.

Directors Absent: Sherry Bernal and Becky Dresser

Others Present: Executive Director - Stacie Routt, Shannon Keiss and Charles Santos

The agenda was distributed. A Motion was made to approve the agenda as published. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the meetings held on April 28 and June 9. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the audit. The motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the CPA firm for next year's audit was made. Discussion was held. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The golf tournament on Saturday is sponsored by the Jupiter Light House Masonic Lodge # 340 F & AM. No board action is necessary on this agenda item.

The closing on the sale of the land in Palm City should be in less than 60 days. No board action is necessary on this agenda item.

Public Comment: Shannon states that there is a Dining to Donate Event at Chilis Restaurant with 10% of the dinner bills being donated to the Hope Center.

Directors Report:

Stacie reported that workmen's compensation has been obtained through the state and that all of the directors have done the paper work for the waivers.

Twenty-eight students are currently enrolled and some additional students are going through the screening and testing eligibility process with the School District.

Shannon has visited with some of the schools that have our matriculated students to help them with behavioral issues.

Stacie attended the District board meeting and said a few words in recognition of this being our 10th year.

The school is accepting donations on behalf of Charlie, a former student, who was killed in a boating accident.

Charles Santos was introduced to the board. His son Michael is a student. Mr. Santos has been an educator for 13 years and has expressed an interest to be on the board. His resume was distributed at the last board meeting. To accommodate his schedule it was agreed we would attempt to have board meetings after 3 p.m.

Discussion was held about hiring of a new teacher. Lots of interviews have been conducted. Discussion was held about where to post the opening and where to look for individuals who have the appropriate credentials.

Based on a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Hendrix, Secretary