



Kentucky Self-Advocates For Freedom
July 2008 Board Meeting
R E V I S E D July 16, 2008

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Board Nominations Committee Meeting

(Joe Trammell, April Sharon & appointed
non-board member Grant Logsdon)

Wednesday, July 30: 9:00 a.m. until noon

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 30: 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Lunch WILL be available

Board Dinner

Wednesday, July 30: 6:00 p.m.

Networking with your friends & colleagues

Board Meeting

Thursday, July 31: 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

*Includes lunch & networking
with your friends & colleagues*



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MINUTES

Wednesday, July 30

Call to Order at 1:00 p.m.

President Jim Chesser called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Roll Call. President Chesser asked Adrienne Grizzell to read the roll call list. Alan Wells and April Sharon were not present, but were excused. All other board members were in attendance.

Adrienne distributed board binders, and showed members the contents for KYSAFF materials to use and store during this fiscal year.

Announcements & Good Things to Share.

- Jim reported that he participated in the Relay for Life. He received a medal for being cancer-free for two years.
- Ruth introduced Cathy Fain, her new PCA.
- Mark introduced Dottie Corbin. Heather is spending time with her family this week.
- Joe and Elvis announced that the SEKPWC had their annual picnic.

- Beckey announced that the SEKPWC has been on hiatus because Caprice supports the chapter for ten months per year.
- Everyone wished Felicia well after her broken arm. She will have surgery after this meeting.
- Nancy Chesser agreed to speak at the October board meeting to explain the services available to solve the mysteries of our members.
- Nancy Chesser announced that there is new ARC forming, the ARC of Central Kentucky. The first membership meeting is this Monday at the Beaumont Library in Lexington at 7:00 p.m. There will be a presentation on available services.
- Adrienne reported that Maria Braun's PCA, Jessica called. They had an accident on the way here. No one was hurt. She will call with updates.
- Mary Anne and Felicia attended a grant writing program call the Center for Faith Based Community. She indicated that it was geared toward large grants. Mary Anne has submitted her application to be on the DD Council. If she is accepted, she will have to resign from the KYSAFF board, but she would like to remain on KYSAFF committees. Marie Braun has applied also.
- Jim announced that bowling score is increasing.
- Cathy reported that she is trying to get permission to take membership forms to work, but so far has not received permission.

Approve Minutes. Joe Trammell made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 5, 2008 as read. Mary Anne Ostertag seconded. Passed unanimously.

Chapter Reports

= **Greater Lexington Chapter:** No report was provided because the representatives were not able to attend.

= **Lake Cumberland Chapter:** Mark Newton & Dottie Corbin. The chapter is doing well. There was a home interior fundraiser and bracelet fundraisers are going well. They did another restaurant critique at Cracker Barrel. The restaurant did well, but the retail area was difficult for wheelchairs to navigate.

We now have a website:
LakeCumberlandSelfAdvocates.com. The local park could use the basketball nets replaced. We are going to see what we can do to donate.

= **Campbellsville People Making A Change.** The first meeting was July 15. There is a MySpace webpage www.myspace.com/peoplemakingachange. The website will be updated with all our activities.

= **Louisville Self-Advocates in Action:**
Donna Caudill and Mary Anne Ostertag indicated that the chapter is looking for new members.

= **Central Kentucky Chapter.** Formation meeting is being planned.

= **Louisville Metro Connection:** Kelly Knoop reported that the chapter is hosting a dance October 17, Friday night at

the Mattingly Center from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$3 and chances will be sold for door prizes including some pictures for a painting. This follows out October board meeting in Louisville, so self-advocates may wish to attend.

There is a new office and building in the Center for Mental Retardation Building and the self-advocacy groups has their own floor. They have computer access. Kelly and her family expressed concern about the hospital in Louisville where no one could use a Hoyer lift. Kelly has trained new TARC bus drivers on how to deal with people with disabilities.

- = Southeastern Kentucky People Who Care: Elvis Smallwood & Joe Trammell told about their chapter picnic.

Annual Meeting Committee Report

- = During the June 2008 board meeting Donna Caudill made a motion that the annual meeting and educational conference be held each year the Saturday after Derby. Mary Anne Ostertag seconded. The motion included having the 2009 conference in Louisville and the 2010 conference in Lexington. Passed unanimously.

There has been a request to hold the annual meeting and educational conference on the second Saturday after Derby Day.

Cathy Edwards made a motion that the annual meeting and educational conference on the second Saturday after Derby day each year beginning in 2009. Mary Anne Ostertag seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Finances: Cathy Edwards presented the financial report.

Historian. Adrienne provided a binder for Donna Caudill to use a KYSAFF historian. Gertie Hendricks took the binder to give to Donna.

Felicia made a motion to adjourn, Elvis Smallwood at 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30

President Jim Chesser called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Conferences. Adrienne pointed out that information on conferences of interest to KYSAFF members were in the board binder, including:

- = ARC Conference: June 7, 2008. KYSAFF members' presentations were well-received.
- = FYI: the United Cerebral Palsy conference was held on June 18-21, 2008 in Washington, DC. (*Agenda attached*)
- = International Conference on Diverse Abilities & Innovative Supports, August 11-13, Honolulu. Adrienne will attend and, because the largest expense is airfare, she is paying the air transportation herself.
- = SABE Conference: September 4-7, 2008.
KYSAFF members Jim Chesser, Cathy Edwards, Donna Caudill, and Marie Braun's proposals have been accepted. They will present at the conference. Adrienne will be pleased to work on PowerPoint presentation with the presenters. (*Agenda attached*)
- = Autism Summit, October 10-12, 2008, Cleveland, Ohio
(*List of presenters attached*)

- = ARC National Conference, November 4-8, 2008 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (*Agenda attached*)
- = 33rd Annual TASH Conference Social Justice in the 21st Century, December 3-6, 2008, Nashville. (*Agenda attached*)
- = NAMI National Conference will be held July 6-9, 2009 in San Francisco. (*The announcement and list of PowerPoint For the 2008 conference are attached.*)

- State Coordinator Report

1. Happy New Funding Year. We have a signed contract. No word yet about the \$50,000 contract with the DD Council.
2. State coordinator comments and suggestions. The Personnel Committee will meet before the October 2008 board meeting. Please share comments and suggestions with Adrienne and/or the Personnel Committee: what you like, what you don't like.
3. Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. We received a recent call of a disregard of Handicapped Parking permit. Please share stories and experiences.
4. Conflict of interest statement will be developed for October 2008 meeting. You will be sent a copy to review and make any suggestions.
5. Deb Gona contract renewal for proposal research and writing, policies & procedures development, and board training. Mary Anne proposed, Jim Chesser seconded. Passed unanimously.
6. Debbie Sharon suggested that KYSAFF prepare and send Certificates of gratitude for Jeff Keilson and Trudy Fletcher for all their work to get our organization where it is. Adrienne said that she would prepare, ask Jim to sign, and mail.

7. Adrienne has been working with Leslie Lederer of P&A for more speaking paid opportunities for our self-advocates. After consulting with a couple of board members, I told Leslie that \$100 per speaking engagement, plus transportation would be fair.
8. Adrienne requested approval to secure a surety bond policy to protect all board members from financial liability. It would cost about \$200 per year, and protect board members. Mary Anne Ostertag and Kelly Knoop seconded a motion to purchase this policy. Passed unanimously.
9. SABE: Kentuckians Jim Chesser, Cathy Edwards, Marie Braun, and Donna Caudill will be presenting at the conference in Indianapolis. Gertie Hendricks, Donna's PCA, Marie's PCA, Nancy Chesser, and Adrienne will attend as well. Kelly Knoop was elected by her chapter to attend as well.
10. Adrienne had been asked if KYSAFF would pay for a room for chapter members wanted to attend the SABE conference. The board tabled this request.

Board Nominations Committee Report. Committee member Felicia Napier read the report from yesterday's committee meeting. Members thanked the committee for their work.

Legislative Activities. Felicia shared her contacts with Congressman John Yarmuth in Louisville. His is sensitive to mental health issues. Mary Anne and Felicia heard Patrick Kennedy speak in Louisville.

Cathy Edwards has written and sent letters to Jimmie Lee and his wife and some local politicians to keep them aware of our issues, and that we exist.

Future Board Meetings. The board decided to set board meeting dates after we receive our contract to avoid having a board meeting before our funding is received as happened last year. The board decided to alternate board meeting between Lexington & Louisville, and to hold board training topics including the following topics:

- Robert's Rules of Order Simplified
- Sensitivity Training—Avoid Being Hurtful
- Asset Development, Financial Literacy, Maximize Benefits

Future committee work needs to be done on Policies and Procedures. A propriety list will be established.

Personnel Committee Report: The Personnel Committee will meet before the October board meeting

Website Update. Joe Trammell, our webmaster, walked the group through the website on the screen. He showed the chapter information, new calendar format, and photos and text from the annual meeting.

Elvis made a motion to adjourn at noon. Joe seconded.