

Minutes of South Lane Wheels board meeting 1/5/10

Members in attendance were; Aaron Shumway, Sue Ordonez, Brian Oullette, Iva Pfiefer, Sharon VanGorder, Teresa Taylor, Russ Owens, Joe Raade, Suzanne Huebner. Also in attendance was Tara Sue Salusso, past Executive Director and current consultant to SLW.

12:10 P.M. Meeting was called to order.

Iva was asked about how she felt about her new position. She gave a short report on procedural matters and asked for opinions about the importance of forwarding correspondence that had to do with board training opportunities and about having a presence at non profit organization meetings such as United Way and LTD. It was left up to Iva to determine how important a presence at any of these meetings would be and how much correspondence would be forwarded. Sharon urged all who could to attend Ford Foundation Effective Boards training.

A discussion about the position of treasurer was had. The role of treasurer was defined as one who participates in budget and finance matters and is knowledgeable enough to deliver reports to the board.

Aaron asked for a volunteer for the position while giving a baleful look at Sue Ordonez. Sue, looking like she was being asked to step in front of a locomotive, said she would be willing to consider the position with no commitment as yet. It should be noted that she is very hesitant to accept the position. A motion by Aaron was put forth to appoint Sue Ordonez as treasurer tentatively as long as she is comfortable in the role after exploring it. The motion was seconded by Brian and approved by all.

A discussion with Iva as acting E.D. was had about policies and procedures and how her style differs from Tara's. Iva asked for guidance on how involved in policies she should be as interim E.D.

It was resolved that other than the spending restrictions agreed to in the special meeting along with the direction that she not hire or fire anyone without consulting the board, that she should be as involved as she feels appropriate. The board expressed confidence in leaving Iva with the authority vested in the E.D. position.

A discussion was had about extraordinary repairs required for a wheel chair lift on one of the vans. Joe Raade moved to grant Iva special authority to spend up to \$5000.00 to address the problem as long as it was accompanied by 3 competitive bids. The motion was tabled for the present time when Tracy joined the meeting to inform the board that there was only one repair shop that is certified to repair wheelchair lifts. Tracy said that she would find out what the requirements are to obtain certification in this field with the goal of having a local repair shop get certified. Iva and Tracy will explore other options to repair lifts. Tracy stated that 3 buses are inoperative due to lift issues.

Joe Raade moved to have contract with Tara be approved by the board within 2 days of the board reviewing the contract and no majority of board members objecting. The motion was seconded by Brian and it was approved by all.

A motion to remove Alan Payment from the board was put forth by Sharon VanGorder, it was seconded by Brian and it was approved by all.