

Advantages of Southeast Arkansas, Inc.
P.O. Box 359
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Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2024

Members Present: James Sanders, Sandy Patrick, Jamaal Jones, and Dr. Lynne Thompson

Members Absent: Susan Wishard, Ray Hearn and Dr. Tim Simon

Others Present: Angie Burton and DeAnna Doherty

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lynne Thompson, Board President. It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

II. REVIEW OF REPORTS

A. James Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023 meeting. Sandy Patrick seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

B. Mrs. Angie Burton handed out current cash balances. July, August and September financial statements were previously emailed to all Board members. James Sanders made a motion to accept the financial information. Jamaal Jones seconded the motion. Financial reports accepted.

C. The Enrollment reports had previously been emailed to all Board members. James Sanders made a motion to accept the Enrollment Reports. Sandy Patrick seconded the motion. Enrollment reports accepted.

D. The Consumer Council report was given by James Sanders. He mentioned several activities that had happened since the last meeting including Special Olympic Bowling, Christmas caroling and MLK celebrations.

After discussion, James Sanders made a motion to approve Consumer Council report. Sandy Patrick seconded the motion. Report approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Doherty gave the program updates which consisted of the status of the construction project for the adult development program. The metal structure for the gym had been ordered and an estimated completion time of June 2025 was given.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Burton handed out and reviewed the Annual Financial Audit Report that indicated no findings.
- B. Sandy Patrick reported on her January site visits to Discovery Skills Center and Discovery Children's Centers in Star City and Monticello indicating no areas that needed addressed. James Sanders gave his report on the site visit he made to the Hamburg Discovery Children's Center. He indicated one small repair needed to be made at the front door area. Mrs. Doherty reported that it had already been repaired.
- C. Mrs. Doherty reported that the board had been sent the By-Laws, Articles, Mission Statement, Board Policy, Nepotism, and Conflict of Interest Policies for review. She stated that no changes had been made from the previous versions.

At this point, a motion was made by Sandy Patrick to approve all items covered in New Business so far. The motion was seconded by Jamaal Jones. Motion passed.

- D. Mrs. Doherty gave an update on the Entergy grant option to obtain generators. After meeting with Entergy, the generators were going to cost \$300,000 and increase the monthly bills by \$300. Jamaal Jones made a motion to reject this proposal. James Sanders seconded the motion. Proposal rejected.
- E. Mrs. Doherty informed the board that Ray Hearron had contacted her indicating his need to resign from the Board due to work conflicts. This leaves the board with a vacancy for Vice-President. Mrs. Doherty also indicated that it was time to address officer rotations and personnel committee assignments. After discussion, the board agreed to table the issue until next meeting.
- F. Mrs. Doherty reported that CARF had come to do the accreditation survey in January. She reported that a 3 year accreditation renewal is to be expected but it would be several weeks before that would be received along with any recommendations they would give.
- G. Prior to the meeting, a 2-hour board training on Non-profit board leadership had been emailed to each member to satisfy training requirements.

V. ADJOURNMENT