



**BDSRA Board Meeting  
December, 2024  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm CST, Zoom**

**Members Present**

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| ✓ Darlene Royalty      | ✓ Amy Fenton Parker | ✓ Suzette James      |
| ✓ Barb Wuebbels        | ✓ Tony Ferrandino   | ✓ Wayne Kiefer       |
| ✓ Fred Surrey          | ✓ Barb McDonough    | ✓ Fern Leal-Pardinas |
| <del>Donna Fogle</del> | ✓ Kate Haller       | ✓ John Patterson     |
| ✓ John Ireland         | ✓ David Pearce      |                      |

The meeting was called to order by Darlene Royalty at 1:05 pm

Darlene read the names of our recent Batten Angels, and we had a moment of silence to honor their memory.

## **Review of the Financials**

**Budget** review was presented by Amy and Fred

- Amy gave a brief review of budget history during her tenure.
- We now have a better picture - restricted funds cause confusion.
- Since COVID – Funding has gone down every year for all non-profit organizations. We have been greatly impacted.
- Reviewed projected Budget vs. Actual for 2024 year-end.
- We are expecting a \$220,000 deficit in 2024.
- **Reviewed Budget in Detail**
  - **Discussed necessary Budget cuts**
- Discussed hiring an experienced, part-time person to raise funds for BDSRA on a contract basis. It was determined that this would be an opportunity cost of a better option.
- Discussed the need for a Development Person on staff vs, or in addition to a Fundraising staff member.
  - We need someone to look for grant funding opportunities.



- Discussed review of current donor list.
- Amy will discuss Fundraising Proposal to determine addition decision.
- **Barb Wuebbels motioned to approve the funding of \$11,700 for 26 weeks to hire Beth as a person dedicated to fundraising for BDSRA.** This motion was seconded by Darlene Royalty. Motion carried.
- **Wayne Kiefer motioned that an abbreviated form of a Monthly Financial report is to be sent to the BDSRA for monthly review to review progress of fundraising.** John Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Fred proposed suggestion to consider having the Family Conference every other year due the cost in order to save money.
  - o It was agreed that we could lose members and support in turn.
  - o Discussed sharing cost with members by adding registration fee which would help since we no longer require membership dues.
  - o Discussed adding the processing fee to all credit card charges.
  - o The discussion of conference planning and costs has been tabled until the January Board meeting.
- Reviewed proposed Grants to be awarded.
- Reviewed expected incoming Service Fees due to us by other organizations.
- Reviewed remaining line items in budget.
- Reviewed status of audits.

The Board has decided to table the approval of the 2025 Budget until we can reach resolution on critical concerns.

5 pm – Kate motioned to adjourn - Darlene seconded. Meeting adjourned.