

## The Arc of Davidson County

Board of Directors

February 16, 2006

Present: Debbie Frazier, Mary Hildebrand, Erin Kice, Cynthia Kiefer, Jerry Kiefer, Maggie Masimore, Erin Richardson, Angie Rice, Jennie Scott, Norm Tenenbaum, Pat Wright

1. The discussion about Home Of Your Own that began with the executive committee was continued. Board members were brought up to date about the fact that Jim Crowley has resigned as the executive director of HOYO. Because of problems financing the second house, the third house is on hold. If we can get the financing, Habitat for Humanity wants to partner with us to build a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom house for \$54,000. This is a big step, because in the past, Habitat has not been particularly interested in building homes for people with disabilities. Because we have to wait to work out the financing, the fundraiser will have to be rescheduled. The Home Of Your Own video was shown. It is possible that the video will have to be changed, depending on the direction HOYO takes. We should know more within a few weeks. Two VISTA volunteers are assigned to work with HOYO. Their job descriptions will be expanded to help people with disabilities acquire existing homes.
2. The minutes from the board meeting on December 1, 2005 were distributed. Erin moved that the minutes be approved. Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. We need an attorney to help us own the logo, "We're about people." Erin knows someone who might help, and she will look into this.
4. The revenue and expense report was distributed. Our new money market account continues to make money. Costs for supplies are high this month because several new computers were purchased. Equipment and rental/maintenance is high because a scanner and fax were added to our copier.

5. The state is having problems processing payments to support coordination. We are currently being underpaid, and are waiting for this to be corrected. The payments will come eventually.
6. Fund raising was discussed. We are currently up and running on Giving Matters, a web site for potential donors. A fundraiser will be held at Baja Fresh on March 31. Anyone who brings a flyer will be contributing 15% of the cost of their meal to The Arc. In addition, a flyer was distributed that lists fundraising web sites including iGive.com, BuyforCharity.com, Cars4Charity.com, and Cafepress.com.
7. Norm, Erin, and Holly Lu attended a public policy seminar in Washington, D.C. There were many interesting presentations by advocates from around the country. Especially interesting was the overview on laws and pending legislation.
8. Norm and Maggie had another meeting with representatives from Metro Nashville Public Schools. It is still frustrating, but at least a conversation is taking place. They hope to have some recommendations by the end of the school year. Teachers, principals, and family representatives will participate.

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