AUTISM SOCIETY
Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism
North Dakota

# Autism Society of North Dakota
# Annual Meeting
# Saturday April 10th, 2010

President Jocelyn Sloan called the meeting to order at 11:00 and welcomed everyone. In attendance were: Jocelyn Sloan, Mark Sloan, Jennifer Hefter, Sharon Solum, Barb Stanton, Kate Dohl, Mina De Forge, Jennifer Stroh, Chris McEwen, and Denise Dryer.

Jocelyn then gave on overview of all the activities that had taken place over the past year. She discussed unified membership with ASA and mentioned that Mark Sloan had been re-appointed to the State Council for Developmental Disabilities.

Mark then gave the treasure's report. Finances were fine with $631.56 in the bank. Annual budget expenses were about $600 with donations covering those expenses. The need for a dedicated telephone number was discussed.

A discussion on planning then took place. The need for volunteers is critical to the success of the organization. Working with the many other autism groups in North Dakota is also a priority.

The need for a newsletter was reaffirmed. A quarterly electronic newsletter was deemed feasible. Jennifer Hefter would pursue this. Mark discussed the updated Activities section of the web site that contained documentation on all activities of the organization.

For Autism Awareness Month, we asked for and received a proclamation from the governor. A press release was made in conjunction with the state Department of Health. A poster is also available on the web site.

Election of officers was held. On a motion by Sharon Solum, seconded by Jennifer Stroh, the following officers we nominated:

President: Jennifer Hefter
Vice President: Renie Chadwell
Secretary: Jennifer Stroh
Treasurer: Mark Sloan

Unanimously, all were approved in turn.

The next meeting was set for 16 April 2011 in a location to be determined.

The group then thanked Jocelyn Sloan for her leadership over the previous five years. She was credited for creating the foundation of an organization that will benefit all those with autism.

President emeritus Jocelyn Sloan adjourned the meeting at 11:55.

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