

# SEA Planning Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021 7pm

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**Attendance:** Peg Herbison, Sandy Katz, Colleen Kutz, Julie Stephens, Ramona de la Rosa, Reba Mann, Karen Lutz, Michelle Greenawalt, Zenia Ardeshtna

## New business:

- **Methacton Board Meeting Update - May 25, 2021**
  - ❑ Jamie Gravinese from Secondary Special Ed. Supervisor to Principal at Methacton High School Effective: May 26, 2021
  - ❑ Michelle I. Davis from Pupil Services Office Assistant to Secretary to the Director of Pupil Services at Farina Education Center Effective: July 1, 2021
- **May presentation - Financial Strategies for Families with Special Needs, 5-20-21 - Feedback - excellent presentation,**  
Bruce H. Sham, CLF, Agency Director of Advanced Planning, Special Care Planner
  - ❑ 45 registered; 25 attendees
  - ❑ Follow up email with recording, handouts and evaluation
  - ❑ Follow up presentation on SSI/SSDI/Waivers (2021-2022)

He has a bi-monthly newsletter that you can sign up for somehow.

- **2021-2022 Planning meeting and Presentation dates:**
  - 6/28,
  - 7-9pm, Zoom and/or In person next year?
  - Summer Strategic Planning Session date - 6/21/21, 7-9pm - Will schedule additional if needed
- **PA Inclusion Collective Update**
  - ❑ Mailchimp Email - (opened by 10 staff)
- **Unified Sports Update**
  - ❑ Party - 5/24 - went well
  - ❑ Bocce is in the works - it's a winter sport - need to start planning in August
  - ❑ **Raise the Roof Fundraiser - Unified Sports Canopy Tent**
    - ❑ Goal: \$2,000
    - ❑ Plan presentation of tent - coaches are aware that we want to get a group together to give it to them
    - ❑ Arrival June 4, 2021 - possibly present it on 6/9 around 2pm - Karen will contact coaches to get their input on how/when to do this - invite the donors too
    - ❑ Donor Thank you - Checks (Michelle); Venmo? Sandy will send out the list for us to look at to see who we have emails for

- There is extra money, \$399. The tent cost 1800. Will use the extra to give the coaches a gift and possibly use the rest for a cart for the weights or give it to the team to start a booster club fund**

Venmo	\$1,515
Checks	\$684
Total	\$2,199

- **DEI update**
  - DEI Taskforce - Community
  - Methacton DEI - Survey
- **YouTube channel**
  - has the Financial Strategies presentation
  - Can be used for future recordings
  - not sure if its public or private

### **Old business/Updates:**

- **Methacton High School Home & School Association Leadership Award**
  - SEA Volunteer Judge (Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt)**
  - \$1,000 scholarship to up to 8 students who are leaders at Methacton High School
- **Best Buddies - Friendship Walk SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 AT 12 PM EDT**
  - Update - Methacton BB Team **at Heebner Park**
  - Possibly have Millie from Best Buddies come in to review how it should work or have SEA talk to administration about the issues with communication and how the program is working
- **Presentation Topic Ideas:**
  - ESY - Kate Metcalf/Maria Winters**
  - Transition (OVR, Nikki Brislin and Kim Kulp)**
  - Transition - Return to In person**
  - SS/SSDI/Waivers with Bruce H. Sham**
  - SOAR with Dr. Susan Angstadt**
- **SEA Social Opportunities**
  - Craft Party - parents or kids?
  - Scavenger Hunt
  - Adult Meet Up at Park (socially distanced)
  - Zoom Game Night

**Budget: Michelle, Treasurer**

- Our SEA balance is \$2,017.65
- Update in June with fundraiser and purchase of tent

Num.	Date	Description	Category	Subaccounts->		SEA Ops		
					C-Date	D (-)	C (+)	Balance
	7/01/20	OPENING BALANCE		c	06/30/20			<b>2,515.43</b>
ACH	8/13/20	Amazon Smiles Program	SEA:Donation Income:Smiles Pgm.	c	08/31/20		6.34	2,521.77
Xfer	10/19/20	SLF Funds for SEA Seminar	SEA:Donation Income:SLF Donation MCC:Donation Income:SLF Disburs.		N/A		1,800.00	4,321.77
ACH	11/12/20	Amazon Smiles Program	SEA:Donation Income:Smiles Pgm.	c	11/30/20		19.17	4,340.94
123	11/26/20	Jacquelyn O'Malley (SEA speaker)	SEA:Benefit of Member Exp.:Speaker	c	12/31/20	150.00		4,190.94
ACH	12/01/20	Benevity Fund	SEA:Donation Income:Benevity Fund	c	12/31/20		95.20	4,286.14
127	2/04/21	Inclusive Schooling	SEA:Benefit of Member Exp.:Speaker	c	02/28/21	500.00		3,786.14
ACH	2/22/21	Amazon Smiles Program	SEA:Donation Income:Smiles Pgm.	c	02/28/21		31.51	3,817.65
128	3/09/21	Sarah Ward (Exec. Function presentation)	SEA:Benefit of Member Exp.:Speaker			1,800.00		2,017.65
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**Fundraisers:**

- Yoga with Aim High (Kelley Ludwig): spoke with Maureen Stanford and she said Aim high would definitely do a fundraiser for SEA. She said they can do an adult thing and a kid thing if we wanted. She said she will play/sing at them as well and she would do it for free. It would have to be outside though. She said just come up with an idea and send it to her and we can make a flyer etc. I thought that was cool.
- Moe's Box dinners?
- Collegeville Bakery Pizza Kits - Halloween or Superbowl
- Virtual Fundraisers
- Clothing collection - Karen - Spring, 2021
- Fruit sale at holidays
- Corropolese - dine and donate - Peg
- Design a t-shirt or other items and sell them- kids submit art to use - maybe do a mosaic of all of the art submitted
- Amazon Smiles - what is that under/how do you sign up?

● **Planning meeting dates:**

- 6/21- beginning the strategic planning for next year
- 7-9pm, all Zoom

**Our Mission:**

The Special Education Alliance provides a **network of support** for parents and caregivers of students with developmental or physical disabilities. The SEA offers **access to relevant information and education** while **providing opportunities to connect with other parents/caregivers**. We **advocate for the collaboration** among families, school administrators, educators and professionals to foster successful educational outcomes.

### **Critical Initiatives for 2020/2021**

More family events

Collaborate more with district to drive awareness of our committee/events

Collaborate with the district on development of plans for inclusive practices k-12

Possibly add something about transition between buildings for children with special needs