

Special Needs Advisory Board Minutes

Town of Miami Lakes

Meeting Date: June 2nd, 2020

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Chair: Vivian Levy

Secretary: Jen Coello

1) Call to order: 12:06PM

2) Roll Call:

Present	Vivian Levy, Chair
Absent	Jesenia Orellana, Vice Chair
Present	Carlos Fernandez, Treasurer
Present	Jen Coello, Secretary
Present	John Rogger
Present	David Gomez
Present	Angela Medina
Absent	Yesenia Leyva, Liason

*Others present: Clarisell De Cardenas, German Cure, Marcia Chaviano

3) Order of Business (Deferrals/Additions/Deletions): Before start of order of business, Vivian Levy asked to keep Jacob Orellana (Jessenia's son) and his family in our thoughts and prayers since he was having surgery at that moment. No deferrals, additions or deletions.

4) Public Comments: None

5) Treasury Update: Carlos Fernandez will get the numbers updated and give us totals at next meeting

6) Approval of minutes: April 2020

- Motion to defer: Vivian Levy
- Second the motion: Jen Coello
- All in favor, motion passed

7) Old Business:

- Special Needs Service Directory has been posted on the Town's website on the Special Needs Advisory Board page. There are over a dozen links to organizations and resources for special needs individuals and families. Discussion on best way to reach out to members of the community to promote our services, events and resources. Motion to be included in the Town of Miami Lakes Monthly Newsletter by Carlos Fernandez. Second by Jen Coello. All in favor, motion

passed. Per Clarisell De Cardenas, Town liason is responsible to provide the information to the Town to be included in the newsletter.

8) New Business:

- a) Bryan Art Foundation classes via Zoom – John Rogger and Jen Coello expressed concern about an art class via zoom and how it would be hard to interact virtually.
- b) Painting with a Twist \$10 kits for summer- Motion by Carlos Fernandez to create subcommittee to include Angela Medina, John Rogger and Vivian Levy to work on Painting with a Twist Summer Event and to purchase 400 painting kits (Summer themed \$10 per kit) from Painting with a Twist for families to pick up at their Miami Lakes location. Second by Vivian Levy. All in favor, motion passed. Motion by Vivian Levy for pick up date of the Painting with a Twist Summer Event to be July 11, 2020. Second by Angela Medina. All in favor, motion passed. Participants will register for tickets through Eventbrite. Angela Medina suggested to include some type of flyer with SNAB contact information and web link to SNAB page on the Town's website.
- c) Parent Support Group/Training/Workshops via Zoom- Per Clarisell De Cardenas, the Town will provide the Zoom platform and livestream free of charge. SNAB will be responsible to pay \$200/hour for a sign language interpreter. Motion by Vivian Levy to contact Christy Carbonell, board certified behavior analyst, to provide quote for workshop for parents via Zoom. Second by John Rogger. All in favor, motion passed.
- d) Tutoring- Motion by Vivian Levy to open up the floor for discussion. Second by Angela Medina. All in favor, motion passed. All agreed that due to the COVID 19 pandemic, students with special needs will experience regression from being out of school and therapy for so long. Motion by John Rogger to do research for SNAB to provide a tutoring service in the near future. Second by Vivian Levy. All in favor, motion passed.
- e) Gigi's Playhouse virtual event – Originally, Gigi's Playhouse was hosting a 5K walk, run and roll event this summer in the Town of Miami Lakes, but it had to be turned into a virtual event due to the pandemic. SNAB had already voted to support the original event because of its message of inclusion for people of all abilities. Motion by Vivian Levy to form a SNAB team for Gigi Playhouse Virtual Event and donate \$500 from our community awareness budget. Second by John Rogger. All in favor, motion passed.
- f) Hope for Autism gift card donation for Holiday Caravan- Motion to table to next meeting by Vivian Levy. Second by Carlos Fernandez. All in favor, motion passed.

9) Announcements:

- a. Vivian Levy will be taking all items we voted on to the next Council Meeting on June 16, 2020 for approval and to be more visual to the Council and help promote our goal of inclusion and awareness for people of all abilities.

10) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM

- a. Motion to approve: Vivian Levy
- b. Second the motion: Angela Medina
- c. Motion passed