

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Media Release
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LCBDD THANKS COMMUNITY FOR MAKING 2013 CHICKEN BBQ A GREAT SUCCESS

The board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Superintendent Saul Bauer thanked the many volunteers, the employees who helped, the local community, the media including our radio sponsors for their support during the annual chicken BBQ. We sold all 2,800 chicken dinners. Our top sales people were: 1st Peg Mabrey 2nd Dave Fromm, 3rd Helen Manns, 4th Karen Hesson Brady & 5th Dru Lane. Top sales for volunteer – Deb Hicks & top sales associate – Paul Patterson.. The sales resulted in an estimated \$12,000 profit that will go into the auxiliary fund and help individuals with developmental disabilities.

Ms. Sharon Reames was a guest speaker at the LCBDD Board meeting and discussed her summer trip to Washington DC where she attended the Little People Convention. October is Dwarfism Awareness Month. Sharon shared pictures of her trip and the many new things she was able to enjoy. This was Sharon's first opportunity to meet and talk to "little people". She said they kept telling her, "This is where you belong." She learned that you can tell what type dwarfism you have by looking at your hands and nose. She met many new friends and saw many beautiful sights on her tours. She is very grateful for the opportunity to participate in this event and expressed much gratitude for the help she received: a scooter to help with transportation, the support of staff and the board. Sharon said, "I have already she started saving money so I can attend this convention again in 2015."

In other board business Superintendent Bauer and Deb Morrison reviewed the 2014 Insurance Plan options negotiated by CBA. Initial estimates were at a 34% increase. Many hours of research and planning have been placed in the preparation of a cost effective plan that will involve only a few changes to the current plan. With several creative initiatives the insurance plan will have a projected increase of 5%.

Superintendent Bauer and Dave Fromm reviewed cost quotes received to approve a security system with cameras and swipe cards for the board offices. This plan will involve all doors being locked, key fobs for employee entrances, 3 visitor entries with camera & audio to allow for a secure entry. This will allow the building to be locked down at all times with keyless entry for those with access rights and secure entry for others after verification of identity.

Superintendent Bauer reviewed the media coverage for September and October. He thanked the media for the excellent coverage they have provided to the LCBDD this year. WPKO radio and the Bellefontaine Examiner do an excellent job representing and reporting on our organization.

Following the Board Meeting was a four-hour training required of all board members each year. Pete Moore and Willie Jones, from the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, presented on "The Good Life," a focus on the life people of all abilities deserve and are best served. They made reference to in their training, many of the changes LCBDD made in 2013: the Community First policy, the new logo and our new mission. They said the Good life training is complimentary to the changes the Board has made.

The next finance committee meeting is November 14th at noon at the board office conference room with the board meeting on November 21st at 5:30 pm in the board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West. Meetings are open to the public.

Deb Morrison
Human Resources/Executive Secretary