

**Intermediate Unit 1
Southwestern Local Task Force
Thursday, April 3, 2008**

Minutes

Sue Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

In attendance were: Sue Schmidt, Scott Martin, Linda Chernitsky, Rikki Swaney, M.J. Glitz, Pam Herron, Andrea Tremel, Regina Donkers, Tammy Mandich, Sheri Dunham, Sharleen Johnson, and Laura Walters.

Old Business

Introductions were made and Sue reviewed the mission statement. She advised those in attendance that we rotate day and night meetings to try to get more parents to attend. Sue would like to look at breaking the meetings down into each individual county in order to gain participation.

Sue asked for a motion to approve the February minutes. Laura motioned and M.J. second.

New Business

Sue asked for a motion to approve the March minutes. Laura motioned and Andrea second.

Elections will be held next month. Sue will talk to Cecelia about sending letters out to the parents to obtain nominations.

Family Behavioral Resources asked Sue to come speak about the task force at a couple of their parent groups.

The Bureau of Autism Affairs will be holding a meeting on April 28th. The PEAL Center is doing advocacy leadership training. There is an application online that may be filled out and submitted for those that are interested. There is another training in Connellsville on May 15th for Inclusive Practices.

Donna Morris gave a presentation on "The Autism Support Group". She answered many questions asked by the members in attendance.

Maria Silva gave a brief presentation on Parent-to-Parent and what they do.

The next meeting will be held May 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the IU1 Central Office. With there being no further business, Sue motioned to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconds the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.