

**The Arc of Katy  
Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2024**

The Arc of Katy Annual Membership Meeting was held on September 17, 2024 at Kingsland Baptist Church. The meeting was held in person. Cherie Duddridge, President, presided over the meeting, which was called to order at 7:08 pm. Fred Shafer Past President, led the invocation.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Membership Meeting were presented by Cherie Duddridge, and were approved. The minutes were available for review online. A motion was made by Amy Campbell to approve the Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes, and seconded by Mike Lattal. Motion passed.

Cherie Duddridge recognized and thanked the staff of the day program for their outstanding effort in providing a safe and engaging program for the participants. The Board of Directors, committee members and families were thanked for all of the dedication shown during the past year.

Cheri Duddridge presented the committee's recommendation for Board Members that are up for re-election to the Board of Directors. Members presented for re-election were: Mary Alcocer, Ellen Candito, Bonnie Holland, and Mike Lattal. These Board Members will serve three year terms. The Executive Board Members up for reelection are Ellen Candito, Secretary, and Mike Lattal, Treasurer. The Executive Board Members will serve two year terms. Mary McGovern moved to approve the slate of Board Members and Executive Board Members, Amy Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cherie Duddridge presented the goals of The Arc of Katy. Cherie emphasized the Vision of The Arc of Katy, To empower and enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. She reminded everyone that we as a Board, are working together with the Arc of Katy Community, To provide opportunities for the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that enable each person to be included as a respected and active member of the community throughout their lifetime.

Mike Lattal, Treasurer, presented information on the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, which began on September 1, 2024. Mike summarized the highlights for the budget, including the past three years, demonstrating profit and loss. He showed slides, that gave a historical expense summary perspective of the financial story. Currently, The Arc of Katy is in a better position financially . The major fundraiser, ¡Viva Fiesta! 2024 was a great success and was

profitable, thanks to the hard work of many people. Other fundraising, such as the Barn Dance, The Pick-a-Dilly Market, and the Carwash, was up. The Arc of Katy has received several grants, further increasing our financial security. Mike reported that The Arc of Katy continues taking steps to increase revenue and reduce expenditures. The Arc of Katy has kept the cost of the day program consistent. It has been difficult, due to increasing costs associated with the new building at the Jordan Ranch location, aging transportation fleet, and the continued impact of the pandemic. We have been able to offer three additional scholarships. Attendance is at capacity at 36 participants per day, with a waiting list.

Mike said that we need to increase our fundraising efforts, and apply for more grants, as well as look for matching donations. We need all Members to assist our continuing efforts, and work together as a team. 2024-2025 Fundraising opportunities include the Pick-A-Dilly Market, on October 19, 2024; the Fa La La La Fashion Show on December 14, 2024 and our major fundraiser, The ¡Viva Fiesta! Gala on February 21, 2025. Please continue to promote and support these events, as we need support from our families and the community.

Boyd Handley presented 'A Special Needs Toolkit, Are you Prepared', and other issues to consider. Boyd's presentation was full of important considerations for families in the Special Needs Community. The Power Point can be found on The Arc of Katy Website. Body Handley is available to discuss planning, will preparation, and Special Needs Trusts at The Handley Law Office 281-703-3616.

The membership was asked to offer any questions and comments they may have. Before adjourning for the evening, Cherie Duddridge suggested becoming a member, or renewing the family membership. There are endless opportunities to volunteer, and contribute financially. The Arc of Katy welcomes participation from families and the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Ellen Ryan Candito*

Secretary

The Arc of Katy