

Meeting Minutes June 23rd, 2018

Special Needs Committee

Attendees:

Alexis Harvey: Co-Chair

Cheri Dotterer

Jennifer Alvarado

Discussion Topics:

- 1) Introductions
 - a. Cheri – www.MakeParentingEasier.com
 - b. Jennifer - ReciproCity
- 2) Live Learn and Play Presentation – Jill of LPV discussed services provided by the facility. There are currently camp activities that run through the summer, Monday through Friday for 5 to 12 years olds. Families can also pay for drop-in time which includes access to the gross motor areas (ball pit, foam block pit) and the fine motor room that includes imaginary play. They have different groups that run throughout the year on a variety of topics. You can access the scheduled events on their website.
- 3) Playground Meet Up suggestions:
 - a. Request for a facilitator for these events will be posted to the Special Needs Committee facebook page.
 - b. Cedar Beach was selected for a weekday meet up in July
 - c. Keystone Park in Easton suggested for weekend meet up in July
 - d. Cheri will be reaching out to other special needs group that facilitates playground meet ups to see if we can coordinate together.
- 4) Friendly's Sensory Sensitivity night discussed for Back to School event in September or October – Looking for individuals who would like to be part of the planning workgroup
-Suggestions for Berks county opportunities included The Works, The Goggle Works, Chuck E Cheese in Wyomissing
- 5) BooFest information shared – still looking for volunteers to help planning
- 6) Speakers Suggested for future meetings
 - a. John Lees- Consumer and Family Advocate at Magellan has agreed to discuss the topics of Medical Assistance, Access to Services, and the MyLife program for teens with mental health diagnoses
- 7) Meeting Location suggestion for 3rd week of July Meeting – Casa de Guadeloupe (Jennifer will follow up and reach out to the committee with confirmation)
2nd week of August Meeting - KidsPeace