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## Spear General Meeting

### Participants:

Tulika Prasad, Lisa K., Hadia Khan, Rachel, Jenny Motley, Laurie Barret, Cheryl Paerth, Christina Phalen, Lindsey Elder, Allie Adams

1. Introductions
2. Mission. General consensus was that the mission statement was strong. Appreciation was expressed that it is parent driven which is different from other Sycamore disability groups. The statement is broad, but also can evolve as we evolve.
3. Website.  
We had a parent willing to take it on, but couldn't because of work conflict. **We are still looking for someone with graphic skills and willing to write content.**

Lisa K is willing to work with Tulika in getting it set-up. Input from committee was taken: We need to understand purpose of website and be clear and purpose of website Website is important since not everyone uses Facebook.

If it is fluid, someone really needs to maintain it.

The current vision is for static website with resources, list of school reps, events planned along with mission vision. It will not be interactive as that is difficult to maintain. But there will be an email address so contact can be made for parents needing help.

Committee advised small steps and starting slow so it can be sustainable.

Discussed how this can be the place for parents needing first steps when they get a diagnosis.

4. Finances. We currently have a need for around \$200 for website. We also may need \$ for a paid zoom account that we could use for our meetings or seminars.

How do we go about setting this up?

Pose request to parents on Facebook with our specific needs.

How do we arrange an account? **Do we need a treasurer?** Need to be transparent

Discussed drawback of Venmo and Go Fund Me along with Pay Pal.

What kind of an account do we need? Hadia will look into this.

5. Reps. **We are looking for Reps for Blue Ash and Montgomery.**
6. Visibility. Discussed how to make Spear more visible. Discussed chats on Facebook. Can the attendance in those groups be an indicator for who is joining us? We could create a poll to see which schools are drawing the most people to facebook.

Spear is being talked about at HS PTO meetings and in HS newsletter.

Word of mouth can be very powerful.

Gaining visibility in schools can be hard since there are privacy issues.

Getting in the Smore can be achievable by talking to PTO president. Mandi may be helpful

Put Spear Flyer in public places. The flyer can be found on facebook. We can report where we are distributing flyers in our next meeting.

7. Future events.

General consensus to keep this as a monthly meeting. Rotate AM and PM meetings.

Family Event? Maybe 1 or 2 times a year.

If we were to do an event this year, it makes sense to do it in the spring.

**Do we need an event committee?** We want to make it inclusive.