

LWSRA Board Report

I attended the LWSRA Board Meeting in May 15, 2018, and was extremely impressed with the volume of programming and opportunities provided for individuals with special needs and their families.

Meeting highlights include:

- Budget provided for review before passage at the June 19, 2018 Board Meeting.
- Popular Titans adult day program expansion from 2 groups to 3, accommodating 30 additional participants.
- After school program expansion.
- Teen summer camp filled with 30+ participants on the first day, and they started a waiting list.
- Inaugural Disability Fair drew 100+ people looking for particular services, and was featured on the front page of the local newspapers.
- Bids are being reviewed for (3) 14 passenger 2018/2019 paratransit shuttle buses.
- To date, \$48,464 has been raised for the sensory room/office expansion project. Plans are to begin construction at the end of August.

In addition, FSPD and LWSRA staff met to discuss adding dance programming for individuals with special needs in the Braemar Dance Center (BDC) offerings. The opportunity is planned to debut this fall.

LWSRA requested daily facility usage for its expanded Titans adult program while their building is under renovation for the sensory room/office expansion project (fall 2018 – spring 2019). Program hours are 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., which fits nicely between the before and after school program (BAS) hours. Mary Drew is a perfect location for this popular daytime offering.

FSPD and LWSRA staff met with the Freedom Golf Association, whose mission is “Bringing joy and a sense of freedom to the special needs community through their inclusion in the game of golf.” Together, we will offer free clinics designed to welcome individuals to indoor SNAG (starting new at golf) opportunities at LWSRA and driving range instruction at Square Links on Monday evenings during July and August.

Respectfully Submitted,

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