

Buddy Walk Tucson 2006  
Meeting Minutes  
June 29, 2006  
Ward 6 Council Office

In attendance:

Caroline Ganz

Frank Ganz

Anne Simpson

Chad McKinley

Gerald Grey

Gerald has offered to be the Volunteer Coordinator and will work in conjunction with John Macko and his Boy Scout Troop. Two volunteers have signed up through the website [volunteersoaz.org](http://volunteersoaz.org), and three others have offered to help as needed, one in particular with graphic design and computer related items. Frank Marilao, a DS parent, will be able to provide 10 Marines from his NROTC class at the U of A. We will pursue the special education students at U of A, Anne will talk to her H.S. Key Club for other candidates.

Kids entertainment: Kathy Getman has secured two inflatable obstacle courses, one for younger one for older children, a train, and cotton candy for 3 hours this year.

Walkie-talkies – agreed we need to have around ten radios of good quality, donated if possible, (ask Carolina about the Christiani Foundation, Frank will approach Best Buy or other potential donors).

Jeff Miller, a DS Connection parent, has offered to be the unofficial event photographer; Geoff Gonzales has a possible professional contact in mind. We may opt to use both.

Firstgiving.com is our pledge website, still under construction. Frank is overseeing this. Info will be forthcoming as soon as it is up and running. Each parent can set up a website featuring their child to raise pledges. Last year's web drive raised just over \$4,000.

Tentative Event Day Program Schedule:

2:00 – 2:30 Mariachi Juvenil (TBD) to kick off with a strong feeling, Welcome to Mexican DS group

guests, if applicable, exhibitors.

2:30 – 3:15 Ronald McDonald

3:15 – 3:30 Hayden HS Cheerleaders, plus Maverick Frank and members of the Marana HS Band (TBD) will do some numbers and lead the participants into the walk.

3:30 – 4:00 Buddy Walk

4:00 – 4:15 Food, Raffle, Silent Auction announcements (throughout, Geoff)

4:15 – 5:30 Headline Band (Neon Prophet?, or DJ – Anne will check out info on DJ)

5:00 – 5:15 Awards (teacher, professional, community leader) , thanks to Sponsors

5:30 – 6:00 Proclamation, DS group introductions, etc., possibly performance by Sahuaro HS dancers.

New Ideas:

Recruiting teen and young adult volunteers with DS to assist throughout the event in partnership with a peer volunteer.

Teen/Young Adult Tent, to feature a basketball bouncy house, possible carnival games with prizes, The Bug publication, Chad offered to man a self-advocate booth. Wendy Frank has offered to help coordinate this effort, with plans to have a karaoke feature. Suggestions of having a volleyball net, or other athletic activity. Possibility of having a teen/young adult dance after Buddy Walk at some central location, sponsored by SANDS.

Food. We are planning to have three different food sponsors/contributors. Still trying to connect with Las Casuelitas, have approached egees for a price on their subs, and possible a pizza source for the third – Little Caesars' was suggested. Kathy Getman had suggested hot dogs, which then requires condiments.

Tents: the Challenger tents are not spoken for that day and will most likely be available to us – we are awaiting confirmation from Bill Fields. Awaiting confirmation from Dale Bullock regarding tables and chairs.

Looking for a Community Outreach Coordinator.