

SDAD Board Meeting

Held at the SDAD Center Sioux Falls, SD Friday January 10, 2014

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 7 pm with the following Board members present: President Patty Kuglitsch, Vice President Jim Still, Secretary Rhonda Ofstad, Treasurer Kevin Barber, At Large members: Patty Pibal, Jeff Panek, Tom Kober, Mark Koterwski. Absent: Doug Schweitzer – excused by President Kuglitsch.

Approximately 50 members and guests were present during the meeting.

Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting:

Kevin Barber (Mark Koterwski) made an amendment with correction on Sept 7, 2013 minutes that the purchase of the laptop for \$1000.00 be referred to the financial committee – Carried.

Public Input Comments:

Dennis Souhrada made a suggestion that the fonts on the screen be large so the agenda can easily read by the people.

David Dahle had a question regarding the SDAD reunion in 2015 and wanted to know when it will be held. Kevin Barber said it will be held tentative in July/August 2015.

Mark Johnson, Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee encouraged members, friends and others to send nominations for the Hall of Fame to the HOF Committee.

Treasurer's Report:

Kevin Barber, Treasurer gave the July thru September reports. The board reviewed and approved the reports.

Officer reports

President:

- State Independent Living Council – they asked the President to give a presentation on technology from the consumer's perspective. The President made suggestions for improvements for SILC's consideration and action
- SDAD sent two representatives, SDAD president Patty Kuglitsch and Rhonda Ofstad to the National Association for Deaf Leadership Training Conference that was held in Omaha, Nebraska. We participated in many good workshops which covered a variety of topics such as: legislative and political advocacy, employment, education, fundraising, youth programs, website development, social media, parliamentary procedures, financial management, and membership recruitment.

- SD School for the Deaf – some of us went to SD School for deaf and participated in the family sign language classes on Thursday evenings for an hour. This is an excellent opportunity for the parents, grandparents or professionals to be exposed to the deaf people. The sign language classes will start again on February 20th.
- BHAD contacted SDAD several times about the meeting and election procedures. They would like for SDAD to give BHAD and deaf community training on parliamentary procedures sometimes this year. We will wait for them to contact me when.
- SDAD News – The President has been thinking about disseminating SDAD News electronically (through email) to help save costs of printing and postage. She also understood not all members have access to the Internet. Will start dialogue and will decide by next board meeting
- At board meeting in Rapid City the topic of museum was discussed. The board agreed the museum should become an online or virtual one in the future. The president was asked to visit with SDSA superintendent and Marje was very much interested in having items and she thought she could put them in the big glass display in the hallway. The President had appointed David Soukup to lead the museum clean up. He has 7 members on the committee. The future museum committee recommended that we purchase a very good scanner and it may cost between \$2,500 to \$3,000.00 using either CSD or Recreation Center Fund.
- One member reminded the President about one of the conference mandates that is the directory for deaf. The Directory will include the members' contact information (home address, phone and email address).
- The president received email from Rick Norris, SDRID Vice President. SDRID as an organization would like to be an affiliated organization with SDAD.
- The President received a letter from Augustana College. They plan to offer SD ASL Immersion experience for interpreters again this year. They made a request that SDAD make a donation. This will help cover the costs of snacks throughout the program.

Vice President Report:

- Worked with James Saunders on the 2014 Calendar. After approval, the calendar will be posted on the SDAD website and Facebook.
- Looked for volunteers for New Year Eve party (chair and committee). No one volunteered and the party had to be cancelled.
- Discussed ideas for potential fundraising events. The first fundraising event will be Sunday February 2. Jeff Panek is chair of Super Bowl Party. The second event will be Monday March 24th at Pizza Ranch on 41st street from 5 to 8 pm. Mark Koterwski is chair of Pizza Ranch event.

Treasurer Report:

- Explained the history of SDAD membership and showed the graphs to compare the five years of membership and age groups.

There were no reports from board members.

Committee Reports:

Education/Legislative – Patty Kuglitsch

Education: I did some research on the Early hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) in the state of South Dakota. I wanted to know if there were any deaf or hard of hearing persons serving on the EHDI board or committee. I found out that Teresa Nold is on the committee and I had a brief discussion with her. I planned to sit with her and discuss the EHDI further soon. We would like to see more language on deaf professionals etc. Currently most of them focus on audiology.

Legislative: As the legislative session is approaching I asked Ben Soukup to see if he planned to be a lobbyist this year. He is thinking about it. I asked him if he could help SDAD with the state mandate for hearing aids. Right now Ben is working on updating the TRS Act as it is outdated. I asked him if he could help SDAD with the new bill regarding the state mandate for the insurance coverage for hearing aids. He said he could help if we talk with our district legislators and get their support.

Jeff Panek (Patty Pibal) moved to suspend the legislative activity and to set up a committee to develop plans for the state mandate for the insurance coverage for hearing aids. Carried.

Finance – Kevin Barber

On October 22, 2013 at 1200 noon, The SDAD Finance committee met at Pizza Inn on 10th street. Present at meeting were Kevin Barber, Angela Koterwski, Brad Schaeppi, David Soukup, Tom Kober and Patty Kuglitsch. Kevin Barber provided a brief training on SDAD Finance Committee Policy Procedures. Kevin Barber provided copies for their review on monthly financial summary by SDAD treasurer and audit committee; approved budget by SDAD Board of Directors, Statement of Revenue and Expense and chart on history of SDAD membership. A motion that SDAD Board referred to the committee for their review is table cloth for the booth display up to \$400.00. It was recommended that we purchase new table cloth. Tom Kober provided summary reports on snack bar operations. Kevin Barber provided an update on the platform riser. Platform riser has purchased and is currently located at SDAD Center in Janklow Building. Mark Johnson's case has been resolved and closed.

Mark Koterwski (Jeff Panek) approved the tablecloth purchase for \$400.00 per Financial Committee mentioned in Kevin Barber's report. – Carried.

Hall of Fame – Mark Johnson

I have appointed Angela Ellman and Pat Anderson to serve on SDAD Hall of Fame Committee. Then there will be 7 committee members, including myself. There are no committee activities. James Still has received few nominations and Kevin Barber received one nomination. After the Board approves my appointment, HOF committee will meet afterwards.

Tom Kober (Patty Pibal) moved that we approve Mark Johnson's appointments of Angela Ellman and Patricia Anderson-O'Neill to serve on the Hall of Fame committee. Carried

Governance – Patty Kuglitsch

Present: Jane Souhrada, Marge Morse, Steve Janecek and Patty Kuglitsch. SDAD President Patty Kuglitsch received the SDAD Games Policy and Procedures with some recommendation from CSD for the Governance Committee's consideration. Nikki Darland, Chair asked Patty to visit with the Games Committee and get their feedback. The committee reviewed the recommendations and supported them. They added two recommendations.

Patty Pibal (James Still) made a motion that any changes in the games policies should be brought to the SDAD Conference so it can be voted by all members. Tom Kober abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest. Failed.

Kevin Barber (Mark Koterwski) made a motion to approve all changes on Governance games on policy. Tom Kober abstained from the vote. Carried.

Public Relations – Karina Saunders – No report

SDAD Programs – Tom Kober

Highlights at SDAD Recreation

- Potlucks were hosted by SDDS and SFAD and more to come as scheduled
- A good crowd for Wink Performance, sponsored by SDRID and SDDS
- 3 workshops provided by SDIA and SDRID in Oct, Nov and Dec.
- The SDAD Recreation Center were rented by different individuals or groups.
- Holiday Dinner was served with almost over 160 people in December.
- Samples of new beverages and snacks are now served at the Snack Bar. We are open for suggestions and let Snack bar staff know.
- Made recommendations for additional games to SDAD Saturday nights
- Added two flat screen TV for additional viewing pleasure
- James Saunders is a new editor of SDAD News and had distributed 2 times. Worked with IT and the deaf community on email issues. The issue has been resolved.
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Technology – Clarke Christianson

Sonny Rasmussen is asked to be on committee again and he accepted pending Board's approval.

No replacement is needed at this time.

SDAD website – Created new folders and resources and added to menu; posted a list of contact information to call via VRS/TRS under Resources.

Captioned TV news – Deaf consumers in Rapid City and surrounding areas contacted the President and expressed concerns about no caption on news by KOTA in Rapid City. Contact to Kota was made quickly. Issue was that a complete failure of computer server occurred over Thanksgiving holiday and it has been resolved.

Next Generation 911 in South Dakota: A new South Dakota State 911 Master plan was put together by the 911 State Coordination Board. It was reviewed and a meeting was made in Pierre. Questions were about accessibility by wireless, pagers, vrs and other communication modes, training of dispatchers and public education/outreach to Deaf/Hard of hearing SD citizens. Timelines for implementation are not firmly set yet.

Kevin Barber (James Still) made a motion to approve Sonny Rasmussen to serve on the Technology committee. Carried

Ad Hoc Interpreting – Mark Koterwski

There was a new task force that focused on interpreting. The members on the task force were Tanya Miller, SD Deaf community/mentor, Cathy Smith SDRID, Marlee Dyce Augustana College, Monique Roberts SDIA and Mark Johnson ISI (taking Kasey Entwisle place). Not present: Tom Kober CSD. We discussed a list of concerns regarding the Provisional Certification and qualifications of interpreters or certain interpreting areas. Currently the Provisional Certification allows interpreters to interpret for up to 5 years before they take certification exams. We discussed what kind of qualifications for interpreters for medical, legal, and mental health. We will continue discussing the concerns and find possible solutions. We will come up with some recommendations.

Meeting recess at 9:05 pm

Meeting started at 9:25 pm

Unfinished business: (none)

New Business

Patty Pibal (James Still) made a motion to approve calendar with corrections. Carried

James Still (Patty Pibal) made a motion to buy scanner for museums. Kevin Barber (Jeff Panek) made an amendment that the money will be used from the Recreation Funds. Amendment and main motion carried. Refer to the Finance Committee.

Mark Koterwski (Jeff Panek) made a motion that SDAD make some changes regarding the Bank Night. Carried. Refer to the Governance Committee.

James Still made a motion that SDAD to study transportation for deaf. Withdraw.

James Still) made a motion to set up a committee on studying on transportation for deaf. Failed.

Jeff Panek (Tom Kober) made a motion that SDAD write a letter to the Mayor of Sioux Falls to ask to pick a deaf person to be on the transportation committee. Carried.

Mark Koterwski made a motion to close the new business. Failed.

Kevin Barber (Tom Kober) made a motion that the SDRID become affiliated with SDAD. Carried

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) made a motion that we establish a committee to study ideas of setting up membership fees for affiliated organizations. Tom Kober (James Still) made an amendment that Kevin Barber leads the committee. Amendment and motion carried.

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) made a motion that SDAD set up a committee to study an idea of SDAD News being distributed electronically. Kevin Barber made an amendment that Tom Kober lead the committee. Amendment and motion carried.

James Still (Mark Koterwski) moved to close the new business. Failed

Jeff Panek made a motion that SDAD do fundraising while in Rapid City. No second

Tom Kober (Kevin Barber) made a motion that SDAD allow the people to bring beverages to the Super Bowl party on February 2nd to. Carried.

Jeff Panek (James Still) moved to close the new business. Carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Ofstad
SDAD Secretary