

SDAD Board Meeting

Held at the SDAD Center Sioux Falls, SD

Friday, April 11, 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, Doug Schweitzer.

Approximately 43 members and guests were present during the meeting.

Agenda:

The agenda was approved as read.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting:

Patty Pibal noticed two same sentences in the meeting minutes. Tom Kober (Mark Koterwski) made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. - Carried.

Public Input Comments:

Several members made comments regarding the Bank Night.

Email distribution regarding the fundraising events should include non-members instead of members only.

Some kinds of workshops should be provided to those who wish to become Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDI)

Some members would appreciate an update on SDAD/CSD property and their future plans.

Healthier food should be sold at the snack bar for the sake of good health.

Is the dissemination of flyers or communication for membership only?

Treasurer's Report:

Kevin Barber, Treasurer gave the October 2013 thru March 2014 reports.

Jeff Panek (Patty Pibal) made a motion to approve the October 2013 Treasurer's report. Carried

Mark made a suggestion when the auditors sign to show an approval of the treasurer's report, the names should be printed along with their signature for the purpose of easy reading.

Patty Pibal (Doug Schweitzer) made a motion to approve the November 2013 Treasurer's report. Carried

Mark Koterwski (Tom Kober) moved to approve the December 2013 Treasurer's Report. Carried

Tom Kober (James Still) moved to approve the January, February and March 2014 Treasurer's report. Carried

Officer reports

President:

Two fundraising events took place (Super Bowl Party and Pizza Ranch). Thanks to the Board for hosting both events.

Few board members and I participated in activities with the Deaf Teens at the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD).

Patty Kuglitsch joined the SDAD Museum Committee to meet with the Superintendent Marje Kaiser and Kim Wadsworth, Director of Outreach Programs to discuss the museum issues. Wadsworth would like to have some pictures of SDSD basketball teams to be posted at the Pentagon Center. We have identified some teams.

Sophia Reid, Administrator of Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf met with Kevin Barber and me. She wanted to learn more about SDAD and CSD and deaf people's successful stories. Sophia established a school for the deaf and has 54 students. Most of the children are often rejected or abused and are outcasts of society. She was seeking donations to help feed the children, build fences and other things.

The Mayor's Disability Awareness Commission (DAC) hosted the 4th Annual ARTability at the Museum of Visual Materials in March and April. The purpose of the event was to show off the local talent and art of artists with disabilities. Kevin Barber and Patty Kuglitsch went to the reception on April 4, 2014, to recognize, appreciate and showcase artwork done by artists with disabilities. A deaf lady named Shelby Wilking was one of the featured artists! She was very proud of her three pieces of art. Most of her artwork was charcoal and pencil and they were awesome! She had demonstrated her artwork at the ARTability events for the past three years in a row and often sold her artwork if requested.

The President participated in activities for Deaf Teens at the SDSD gym. There was a good group of students who are mainstreaming in different cities. They discussed a topic of "Self-Esteem" and gave examples of self-esteem. Then they played games.

Since the chair of SDAD Governance Committee was vacant, the President made a recommendation that SDAD approve Ben Soukup as a Chair and Rick Norris as a committee member.

The President has been looking for a Chair of 2015 SDAD Conference and had asked several

individuals. They declined. She would keep looking. The conference will be here in Sioux Falls and she recommended that the conference be held at the SDAD Center in order to save money. There will be a school reunion that summer. It might not be wise to have the conference and school reunion at the same time.

The board had received a list of conference mandates and acknowledged there were some activities in some mandates.

Vice President Report:

The SDAD Hall of Fame will host a Pancake Breakfast on April 13th.

There were no reports from board members.

Committee Reports:

Education/Legislative – Patty Kuglitsch

Education: Materials Patty received from the NAD Leadership Training Conference was shared with Teresa Nold who serves on SD Early Hearing, Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Advisory Committee.

Legislative: Two legislative bills were introduced and they were House Bill 1166 (Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) and Senate Bill 122 (Audiology Services). CSD, SDAD and some individuals in the deaf community went to the Capitol to give testimonials. Both legislative bills were passed as the results. One thing that disappointed the parents and deaf community was the insurances would not cover the costs of hearing aids. The insurances will only cover audiology services such as tests, treatments, etc. The TRS funds will take care of the costs of hearing aids for age 19 and under. None for adults. The SD Department of Human Services will establish administrative rules for communication devices. I believe the DHS will host town hall meetings and collect feedback from the consumers.

Finance – Kevin Barber

Had meetings and provided copies of SDAD's monthly financials for the finance committee's review

A motion was made at the last board meeting and was referred to the Finance Committee for their review in regards of a purchase of a laptop (up to \$1000) for SDAD secretary. The committee recommended that we purchase the laptop using SDAD recreation fund.

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Mark Koterwski (Patty Pibal) moved to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to purchase the laptop up to \$1,000.00 and use money from the recreational fund. Tom Kober – absentia voter as conflict – Carried.

Hall of Fame – Mark Johnson

The SDAD Hall of Fame Committee had two fundraiser goals – Pancake Feed on April 13th and Chili Feed sometime in the fall of 2014. They had several meetings and discussed ideas of how to get the people to submit nominations.

Governance – Patty Kuglitsch

The Governance Committee had a sub-committee called “Games Committee” and the committee reviewed the Bank Night Policies that was referred by the SDAD Board in January. The committee recommended that there were no changes in the policies and made two suggestions for the Board's consideration and approval. The suggestions were: 1) In the book with lists of names and their number, each person should be identified as “Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Hearing or Family Member of the deaf person's name” for the purposes of keeping track and identifications. 2) Whenever a person is deceased, his or her ball should not be removed from the pot. Just cross out the name in the book. When a new person buy a ball, add the name to replace the deceased one.

Public Relations – Karina Saunders – No report

SDAD Programs – Tom Kober

Information on the center attendance was shared and the average of attendance each month was 54. Tom assumed the responsibility of the SDAD Programs. Schedule for the months of April and May has been secured. Reservations for private and graduation parties were made.

Technology – Clarke Christianson

SDAD Website: Legislative Action information was updated. Flyers, minutes and reports had been posted. Membership folder was added to the menu and a copy of membership form was added.

Next Generation 911 in South Dakota: On January 30, 2014, FCC made a Policy Statement stating that all wireless telephone companies and providers of text messaging services should enable consumers to send text messages to 911 and encouraged the goal be achieved and proposed rules requiring all covered text providers to support text to 911 by December 31, 2014.

The Technical Subcommittee of the SD 911 Board had a meeting through conference call on March 26. They discussed about the RFPs for the Next Generation 911 system and statewide GIS data system. They are to do reviews of the proposals and will meet the week of March 30 to narrow down the selection. The Subcommittee is doing some additional research about an

interim solution for Text to 911 and was visiting with service providers to see what options were available and the cost involved.

Ad Hoc Interpreting – Mark Koterwski

The Interpreting Task Force decided to not take any action on Provisional Certification and qualifications for medical, legal, and mental health due to National Interpreting Certification (NIC) system. About 30% of interpreters passed the NIC exam and there was no type or system where we could recognize if interpreters were qualified to interpret in medical, legal, and mental health settings. The committee agreed that when NIC has a better exam for medical, legal, etc., we will set up a new task force in the future.

Meeting recess at 8:45pm

Meeting started at 9:00 pm

Unfinished business:

There were no reports on membership dues for affiliated organizations and dissemination of SDAD news. Jeff Panek (James Still) made a motion that Kevin Barber and Tom Kober bring their report to the next board meeting. Carried

New Business

Jim Still (Kevin Barber) made a motion to approve Ben Soukup as a Chair and Rick Norris as a committee member of Governance committee. Carried

Tom Kober (Jim Still) made a motion to close Ad Hoc Interpreting task force until the further notice. Carried

Mark Koterwski (Jeff Panek) made a motion that SDAD donate \$249.00 for Jamaica School for the Deaf. Carried.

Patty Pibal (Jeff Panek) made a motion to make some changes on snacks and give an authorization to the snack bar staff to make changes. It was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mark Koterwski (Jim Still) made a motion that SDAD have a summer picnic and appoint Meg Morse to be a chairperson. Carried.

Mark Koterwski (Jeff Panek) made a motion to recognize NAD for alarm/clock, at hotels, etc. No action needed

Kevin Barber (Patty Pibal) made a motion that the Bank Night Policy remain the same and add two suggestions. Tom Kober abstained from vote due to a conflict of interest. Carried

Mark Koterwski (Tom Kober) moved to have a 5-minute discussion on two topics: Miss SD and Paul Berka fund with Kevin Barber, Treasurer. Carried

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) made a motion that SDAD set up a committee to study the issue of volunteerism. Kevin Barber (Tom Kober) made an amendment that Jeff Panek leads the committee. Amendment and main motion carried.

Jeff Panek (Jim Still) made a motion that CSD provide an update on the community center. Refer to President Patty Kuglitsch

Jeff Panek (Doug Schweitzer) made a motion that SDAD disseminate flyers regarding fundraising events to all non members and members for fundraising purposes. Carried.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Ofstad
SDAD Secretary