

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
February 20, 2013 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:05PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Kendra Gottsleben (3:10 pm), Chelle Hart, Nancy Johnson and Vicki Nelson.

Commission members absent: Matt Pruner,

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager and Carol Garry , Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Carmichael moved to approve the January 16, 2013, meeting minutes; Hart seconded.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Continuing Business**

Committees - Updates –

**ARTAbility** – Committee = Johnson, Farabee Gottsleben (Chairperson), and Carmichael

The Artists' Reception was a good event – a couple of artists sold art that night. There were twenty-three artists exhibited.

Farabee sent out thank-you notes to the MoVM, Gustaf's, Achieve, Inspirations and Vicki Kerkvliet.

Farabee will bring in all of past documentation to staff and Gottsleben will take over as the chairperson for the next event. Farabee will check to see if March/April 2014 is available at the MoVM for the next exhibit.

**Awareness** – Committee = Briggs (Chairperson), Nelson, Johnson, & Hart

The Optimist presentation went well. Hart did a great job.

Celebrate Church will have another ball in April and may want some training on interacting with people with disabilities again.

Moran passed out the brochure she put together - *Tips for Including People with Disabilities*. All thought it was good.

NDEAM 2013 is set for October 3, 2013 @ Sanford Research Center. They plan to have the Job Accommodation Network (JAN) present on accommodations. They also want to include mental health as a topic.

**Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP)** – Committee = (Chairperson), Pruner, Brooks, staff

After reviewing what other states are doing, the committee found examples of the program and application form to use as a starting point. The Committee would like to have a plan in place before moving ahead with getting a 'buy-in' from the police department and getting an ordinance passed. Brooks will put together a power-point of the program and a draft of the application. Staff will work on ordinance language.

**Spread the Word to End the Word** –this year the program will be at each of the Sioux Falls high schools and several area schools. Service First Credit Unions will have a poster at each of their five Sioux Falls locations.

### **New Business**

**New Member Recruitment** – Staff asked for any ideas on how to get people to apply for the four May vacancies. Some thought the one-on-one approach would work best.

### **HRC Report**

No February HRC meeting (lack of quorum) – no report

### **Roundtable/Public Comment**

Hart – Her group is beginning plans for the 2013 White Cane March. Their kick-off meeting will be in April

Carmichael – She is involved with 'Operation Prom Dress'. The event is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Let her know if you have something to donate – dresses, shoes, jewelry. She is looking for a job in the WY school system in the Special Ed area. Her son has joined the Marines.

Farabee – The Polar Plunge is April 13<sup>th</sup> and will be jumping into a pool at the baseball stadium. This means jumping in clean water! It is a SD Special Olympics event but all of the money raised locally will stay local.

Briggs – One of her daughters who has had medical issues most of her life has been given a clean bill of health. Briggs is also going to be a grandmother.

Brooks – Just returned from vacation in the Dominican Republic. The Compass Center's 'It's in the Bag' event went well – over two hundred attendees – twice

the turnout as last year. They raised \$15,000. They got \$1200 for the \$600 Coach bag.

Moran – Asked how we could get more action on Facebook. Suggestions – more posts.

Gottleben – ‘Handicap This’ is coming to USD on March 20, 2013.

Nelson – Voc Rehab Director Grady Kickul is retiring.

Johnson – possibly getting part-time work at Sanford

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, **Brooks moved and Carmichael seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2013 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.