

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
May 15, 2013 3:00pm

Call to Order

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

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Kendra Gottsleben, 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: Troy Osterloo – potential DAC member

Welcome Guest(s)

Welcome Troy Osterloo who has applied to be on the DAC. Roundtable introductions were done.

Approval of Minutes

Carmichael moved to approve the April 17, 2013, minutes; - Hart seconded.
The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committees - Updates –

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

Recent presentations to:

- May 3 Dept. of Labor – Colleen (Julie was ill)
- Three disability etiquette trainings for Celebrate Church's volunteers for their disability ball
- May 15 Rotary Club – Julie and Colleen
- Diversity Week presentation at Wells Fargo on visual impairments with Rehab Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired.

The Meet & Greet for the potential board members was a good opportunity for them to learn about the boards from current members.

New Business

Service Awards were presented to Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, and Nancy Johnson for six years of valued service to the community.

HRC Report

Six members of the Human Relations Commission were presented with Service Awards – Val Ahrendt, Rod Carlson, Vaney Hariri, Sandra Guzman, Qadir Aware, and Kathy Knobloch.

The 2013 Humanitarian Award event is scheduled for Thursday, August 29th. The HRC is looking at having the event at the Prairie Center this year. Brigg's daughter Jessica is helping with the planning.

Roundtable/Public Comment

Carmichael – jus had another surgery – eye. Her husband is still looking for a job in WY.

Briggs –BRN is working on the National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) event – October 3 at the Sanford Research Center. They are working with Dakota Link and New Directions for Life on reasonable accommodations and mental health topics.

State Special Olympics' events are this weekend in Spearfish.

Brooks – the Compass Center is hiring a Program Coordinator.

She/family have sold their house and are moving into a new home. Due to a disk injury her stepson lost his football scholarship to Northern so they are searching for another way to pay for his college education.

Moran – nothing to report

Gottleben – things are going well with the new director. Some offices are being moved around.

National MPS (Mucopolysaccharidoses) Awareness Day is today May 15th and therefore is wearing purple today.

It has been a year since the release of her book.

April 30th she was the keynote speaker for the Women in Science conference.

She will also be speaking at the SD Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) The camp is June 7 – 9.

Hart – She brought her book in to show us. A Bell, A Bone, & A Hart.

Nelson – Project Search having graduation May 23 at the Prairie Center. Of the six graduates, three are gainfully employed.

She now has one hundred clients on her caseload.

Johnson - She worked two weeks at Citibank and then missed days due to the ice storm and didn't go back because she missed too much of the training.

Farabee – She will be attending the State Special Olympics in Spearfish also. She has been very busy at work and to make things worse, one of her crew left.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2013 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.