

Disability Awareness Commission
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
January 15, 2014 3:00pm

Call to Order

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

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Kendra Gottsleben, Michelle Grimm, Chelle Hart, Kevin Horner (3:08), Lori Lewison, Vicki Nelson, Sheila Sandness, and Walt Schaefer.

Commission members absent:

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

Guest(s) present: none present

Welcome Guest(s)

Approval of Minutes

Briggs moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 18, 2013, Hart seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

Committees – Updates/Committee Assignments

ArtAbility – Gottsleben (leader), Nelson, Sandness

Contact with CCHS indicates a possible six exhibitors from there. MoVM will be sharing the exhibit through their social media. We are just waiting for artists to enter. Gottsleben will check with the MoVM to see if any have been submitted directly to them. Garry will resend the call to the DAC members.

Awareness – Briggs (leader), Hart, Horner, Nelson

The Disability Friendly Sticker program was launched with great success. There was lots of media coverage. Currently there are twenty-seven to thirty nominations turned in. You can nominate businesses on the DAC's (www.siouxfalls.org/~media/Documents/relations/Nomination_Form_for_Disability_Friendly_Program.pdf) or the BRN's (www.sfbrn.org) websites. The recipients will be listed on the BRN website. If any DAC members want to attend a sticker presentation, email Julie separately.

COPP – Lewison, Schaefer, Horner, staff

We're waiting on ordinance review before pursuing.

25th Anniversary of the ADA - Lori Lewison, Kendra Gottsleben, Vicki Nelson, and Michelle Grimm

The health/wellness focus for this event was discussed further. Vendors of adaptive equipment should be included. We seriously discussed the idea of a golf tournament (nine holes) with PWD playing along with other players. We could have businesses/organizations sponsor individual holes. If held in 2014, need to get started planning. This could be a good fundraiser for the 2015 event.

New Business

Election of Officers

Grimm moved to defer the election of officers until May when the current officers' terms as members will expire. Lewison seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

HRC Report

No HRC report was given.

Roundtable/Public Comment

Nelson – nothing new to report

Gottsleben – Kendra has several trainings scheduled: March 13, 2014 – Fundamentals of Teaching Social Skills to Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders; March 25 & 26, 2014 – Special Education Conference in Pierre; February 19, 2014 – Computer –Based Interventions Lunch & Learn; and April 14, 15, & 16, 2014 – Best Practices in Providing Services to Individuals with Disabilities in Chamberlain.

February 13, 2014, Kendra will be speaking in San Diego to genetic counselors and doctors regarding her rare disability.

Sandness – She is working on getting a new wheelchair.

Grimm – nothing new to report

Moran – Colleen and twelve others with disabilities or representing individuals with disabilities met this morning with the Mayor. It was a good meeting, with more in the future.

Chelle – Chelle attended the meeting with the Mayor where they discussed disability issues. Major issues identified: employment and transportation. On a personal level, her husband is having major surgery.

Kevin – They did receive the grant for para-Olympic event like adaptive skiing, kayaking, and golf. Veterans are the main focus of this grant. Colleen added that the Mayor would like to visit the rehab gym.

Walt – This year Achieve's pancake breakfast will be at the District.

Julie – Nothing new to report except that she got married last Friday to Brad Peterson. Colleen officiated at the private family ceremony.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Schaefer moved to adjourn, Hart seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 3p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

These minutes submitted by Carol Garry.