

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

7825 N Invergordon Place

Paradise Valley, Arizona, 85253

Teleconference: 602-744-5850 23646#

*Voting Members in Attendance (either in person or via phone)

Mary Jane Trunzo*

Robin Baethke*

Michael Sleeseman*

Rick Gerrard

Joseph Gesullo*

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm by Michael Sleeseman.

2. Approval of December 6th, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by Robin and seconded by MJ and unanimously recommended to approve said minutes.

3. Committee Funds Status:

Rick reported that additional funds were \$60. ICAD/ICWD was -\$64.34 but Transdev scholarship has not been received yet. DAC Holiday Fundraiser was \$854.49, DAC Art and Wine \$1,295.99. We are still waiting for December report to update for Bear and Book and Calendar sales.

4. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities:

The theme for 2017 is “Empowerment Through Inclusion” and has derived from the 2017 UN theme. Robin reported that she has sent out the summary tables as well as the brochure to all of our local contacts and will do again at the end of the month. Rick stated that he sent them out as well and will do again at the end of January. Mary Jane reported that she, Nanette, and Michel met and will be constructing a list of contacts from disability groups that they met in Grenoble. ICAD as well as ICWD information will be sent to them for this year’s competitions to encourage submissions.

5. International Competition for Artists with Disabilities:

This year’s theme was “Empowerment Through Inclusion”. Joseph would like to have his group, Waddell and Reed, sponsor a winner next year. Discussion took place regarding a \$500 award to be given to a local artist for art supplies. Everyone liked the idea. Joseph stated that his group will do the Art and Wine Event sometime in the spring, early April. Joseph would like to have a new venue, instead of holding the event at Michael’s home. Joseph said he will work on that. Mary Jane reported that she met with Richard Retter from United Artists and stated that Richard will continue to support submissions for the ICAD. Mary Jane asked Robin to set up meeting at STARS for she and Michael.

6. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Mary Jane reported that Rick has not heard from Anna Elena regarding setting up a meeting to review venue from the Lion King. Mary Jane said she would email Anna after the meeting and give her a deadline of the end of January and if not they will not do it. Rick stated that he has not heard from Michael Brown regarding the Van/Ambulance.

7. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Mary Jane reported that there are issues with PayPal on the PSC website regarding the ability to purchase multiple bears. Rick said he would look into it. If someone wants to buy the Bear sets they can also send in a check or call PSC and pay with a private credit card. Mary Jane reported that the drop off of Bear and Book sets to PCH and Gompers

was a huge success. Rick asked for a two paragraph article and Mary Jane said she would take care of it. Mary Jane reported that if we don't sell the Bear and Book sets we will not be able to have this event next year. Joseph suggested we find a sponsor outside of DAC.

8. Calendar Update:

The calendars look beautiful and we are still trying to sell them. Mary Jane will bring calendars to the various committee meetings. Robin will take care of mailing out calendars to those who we will be giving them to. Mary Jane stated that Natalie mailed the international ones out last year and asked Robin to see if she would be willing to do this again for this year. If Natalie cannot we will take the postage out of the Art and Wine fund. Rick said he would prepare the envelopes and labels for the calendars.

9. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

No update

10. Daring Adventures/Airwest Helicopter Project:

Mary Jane asked Robin to contact Jeff to set up a meeting with her and Michael to discuss planning for the Adventure.

11. Grenoble/DAC Disability Conference:

Mary Jane and Nanette reported that the Conference was a huge success and that multiple contacts were made. Mary Jane, Nanette and Michael will get together to put a list of contacts together for future ICWD and ICAD submissions.

12. Upcoming PSC Events: All detailed information is on the PSC Website.

1. Catania Road Rally- 1/28/17
2. Chinese Week-February
3. Himeji Delegation-April 5th-13th

13. Next meeting is Tuesday February 7th, 2017.

14. Call to the Public: no discussion

15. Call to Adjourn:

Mary Jane called to adjourn the meeting at 5:54