

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th, 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*

Nanette Odell*

Jaleh Naja

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Michael Sleeseman.

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

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

3. Committee Funds Status:

Rick reported that the January report was not out yet. So the figures are the same. 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 have sold 24 Bear sets totaling \$600.

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 this week and Rick will send out again at the end of the month. Mary Jane reported that she will meet with Janine 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 stated that he would like to combine the Art and Wine Event with the ICAD on the same night as the ICAD. He stated that he would like to have the event at the Croft Hotel downtown. Joseph said he will put a proposal together for the next DAC meeting. He also announced that he would like to chair this year’s 2017 ICAD. We will put it on the agenda for March’s meeting. Joseph reported that he has 6 or 7 individuals who would be joining PSC/DAC before the next DAC meeting. He wants to have a small cocktail party at Michael’s house to “introduce” them to DAC and talk about all that we have done over the years. Mary Jane requested that these potential new members go online and join DAC prior to the next meeting. The committee discussed paying David Imes to create this year’s brochure. Robin will contact David to see if he is interested and will put it on March agenda for approval.

6. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Mary Jane reported that Rick has not heard from Anna Elena regarding the Lion King performance. Mary Jane visited the proposed location at the Croft Center, which was perfect, but the choreographer said she could only do it in August and we can only do it in October. Ana Elena indicated they will decide and let us know if Stella Paolini will do it in August or we will coordinate performances for October. Regarding the Medical Training; that will be up to the Hermosillo Committee to arrange with Jay Whipple. Rick

reported he has not heard anything from Michael Brown regarding the ambulance donation.

7. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Rick reported that the issues with PayPal, on the PSC website, regarding the ability to purchase multiple bears is fixed. Mary Jane reported that she will be going to the various committees this month to try and sell the sets. At this point we have sold 24 sets and need to sell 56 more. Nanette stated she would make a Valentine's flyer to be posted on the PSC Website to replace the Holiday flyer. Joseph reported that he should be able to find a sponsor for this year to cover the cost of the Bears.

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 throughout February. There is a flyer on the PSC website instructing how to purchase the calendars. Mary Jane reported that she spoke to Nanette regarding having the calendars ready for sale by October by using last year's artwork and this year's poetry. After this year we will be caught up and be able to use current artwork in the calendars. Nanette was also asked to take out the international holidays to be able to have more space for the monthly pages. Joseph reported that next year he feels that he will be able to find a sponsor(s) to purchase all of the calendars so that we won't have to sell them.

9. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

No update/ No Changes

10. Daring Adventures

Mary Jane stated that she spoke with Jeff and they are planning a short trip in the Fall. Mary Jane will keep everyone up to date.

11. Grenoble/DAC Disability Conference:

Mary Jane stated she will get together with Janine 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. Chinese Week-Banquet 2/18
2. Matsuri Festival- 2/25,26
3. Levity and Libations-3/4
4. Himeji Delegation-April 5th-13th
5. PSC 5k Run-4/15
6. Mayor's Gala- 4/27

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

14. Call to the Public: no discussion

15. Call to Adjourn:

Michael called to adjourn the meeting at 6:00