

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017

2555 E Georgia Ave.

Phoenix, AZ, 85016

Teleconference: 602-744-5850 23646#

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

Robin Baethke*

Michael Sleeseman*

Joseph Gesullo*

Nanette Odell*

Leslie Baker*

Paul Karam*

Dwayne Hartford*

Kathy Buscho*

Samantha Karim*

Catherine Brumaker

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm by Michael Sleeseman.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of April 4th, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Committee Funds Status:

Rick was not present so we tabled the report until next month.

5. Election of Officers:

Michael nominated Joseph for Chair, Nanette seconded the motion, and all approved.

Joseph nominated Michael for Vic-Chair, Kathy seconded the motion, all approved.

Joseph nominated Robin for Secretary, Michael seconded, all approved.

6. 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 one last time since the due date for submissions is May 8th. Robin reported that the ICWD Award Ceremony will take place at Luci’s Healthy Marketplace on June 9th, 2017, between 5-7pm and confirmed this with Jerry, the manager. Robin also reported that she has four judges lined up for the competition. Robin stated that she is working on the program for the Awards Ceremony and already got an updated letter from the Mayor to put in the program. We have eight submissions from Phoenix, four from Hermosillo, one from Catania, one from Grenoble, and two from Ennis. Robin reported that a representative from Transdev will pass out the awards the night of the event and we will need to have an MC. Michael will hand out the certificates. Robin will be printing out the certificates in the next two weeks and will finish the program when the winners are determined.

6. International Competition for Artists with Disabilities:

This year’s theme was “Empowerment Through Inclusion”. Joseph said that his goal this year as chair is to have submissions from all of our Sister Cities. He said that he has been working with Leslie and Michael to research and contact disability venues to send out information to in order to encourage submissions. Joseph stated that David Imes is ready to start working on the brochure as he already has all the artwork from last year. Joseph reviewed the combined Art and Wine Event and the ICAD Awards Ceremony. He stated that he has secured the event at the Foundry Hotel downtown off of Central and Roosevelt. It will be a closed cocktail event with \$20 admission at the door from 6:00-

8:30 for approximately 250 people. Joseph reported that the entry fee will cover the cost of the food and we will sell the art, have a 50/50, and silent auction items in order to raise money for DAC.

7. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Tabled

8. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Joseph reported that Kathy Buscho will be raising enough money to cover the cost of 100 Bear and Book sets this year. There will be a Holiday Fundraiser at Michael's home in the fall. Robin will send Kath the flyer from last year's event.

9. Calendar Update:

Nanette reported that she has most of the calendar reorganized. Once we get the poetry and art submissions, Nanette stated that she will be able to complete the calendars. Our goal is to get the calendars ready to sell by September. Nanette and Joseph will work on getting sponsor for production.

10. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

Nanette reported that she and the new Intern have been playing phone tag and hopefully they will connect soon to update the DAC Website.

11. Daring Adventures:

No report

12. IASE/DAC:

Nanette reported that on May 9th she was able to secure tickets for the Diamond Backs for the 8 international fellows. They will also be guided on a private tour of the arena. On May 27th Nanette stated that she has secured a private tour and suite for a Mercury game. Nanette said she will find out if there are extra seats available and let us know.

13. Upcoming PSC Events:

Grenoble and Catania War of Wine, May 6

Chengdu Dumpling and Beer, May 10

Himeji Saki Tasting at the Friendship Garden, 5/19

All details can be found on the PSC Website

14. Next meeting is Tuesday June 6th, 2017.

15. Call to the Public:

Joseph reported that Leslie will be reporting City events and encouraging DAC to attend some of the events as a group.

16. Call to Adjourn:

Michael called to adjourn the meeting at 5:31