

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 7th, 2016

7825 N Invergordon Place

Paradise Valley, Arizona, 85253

Teleconference: 602-744-5850 23646#

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

Michael Sleeseman*

Nanette Odell*

Mary Jane Trunzo*

Robin Baethke*

Pam Baldwin-“Joni and Friends”

Rick Gerrard

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Approval May 3rd, 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: the funds have not been updated since March so the accounts reflect the same as May's report. Revenue Sharing \$20, ICAD/ICWD \$1,477.79, DAC Holiday Fundraiser \$1,682.44, DAC Art and Wine \$847.00. Total DAC Restricted= \$4,007.23. Rick stated that the monies made 2015 International Competition for Artists with Disabilities:

5. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities:

The theme this year is: "A Voice of Our Own". Robin reported that we received a total of 61 poems this year from Phoenix, Ennis, Hermosillo, Taipei, and Chengdu. 1st place went to Nancy Cormanberk, Phoenix, 2nd place went to Ying Tang from Chengdu, and 3rd place went to Joy Valerius, Phoenix. Honorable Mention went to Thresa Davoren from Ennis, Maria Rubi Carillo Durazo from Hermosillo, and Hua-Hsuan Chung from Taipei. Our Awards Presentation will be Friday night, from 5-7 at Luci's Healthy marketplace. Rick reported that he will be there with the microphone, checks for the 1st and 3rd place winners, and to take pictures if he can't find an Intern. Rick also reported that Michael Brown from Transdev may be in California that evening. Robin reported that she spoke with Jerry from Luci's to confirm the venue, all city chairs have been notified, the winners have been notified, certificates are all printed, the program is complete and ready for Friday night, and the judges have been asked to be present.

6. International Competition for Artists with Disabilities:

This year's theme is "Empowerment Through Inclusion", which was adopted from the UN Enable site. Mary Jane stated that we have a \$500 sponsor for the "Best Photo Award", from Graphic Images, for ICAD 2016 and ongoing for every other year. Mary Jane said she would ask Dr. Ruth Rimmer if she would sponsor the odd year's award. Robin will work on updating and sending out the brochure and summary table to all of our contacts and to Rick after the ICWD Award Presentation. Mary Jane reported that she has some beautiful photographs left over from the IPC and asked the committee what we should do with them. Nanette said that she had the opportunity to display some of the photographs.

7. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

At this time there is not a specific date that Jay would travel to Hermosillo but they will follow the same format as previous training, arrive on a Thursday, train on Friday and Saturday, and return to Phoenix on Sunday. Mary Jane did not feel that this was going to happen this summer. Mary Jane stated that she is still waiting for follow up by Ana Elena

for all the specifics but she is going to have Jay and Ana Elena coordinate from this point on.

8. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Mary Jane reported that we will send out a flyer in September/October to advertise the sale of the Bear and Book gift sets and individuals will be able to purchase them online.

9. Calendar Update: No Discussion

10. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

Nanette reported that there is no update at this time. She asked Rick about having the ability to access the site independently in order to update it and he stated that he would discuss it with Paula.

12. Daring Adventures/Airwest Helicopter Project:

Mary Jane reported that they are waiting to hear from Jeff and will send an Email out to him to update. Plan is still to go down at the beginning of October.

13. Grenoble/DAC Disability Conference:

Mary Jane reported that DAC is being presented an award. Mary Jane, Michael, Jay, Janine Bobin, and Nanette, will tentatively be presenting at the International Accessibility Grenoble Conference in November of 2016. Mary Jane stated that DAC is working with Grenoble to put together this outbound delegation. A fundraiser will take place at a local French restaurant where the meal will cost \$100. DAC/Grenoble Fund Delegation will profit \$70 per meal and we will need approximately 40 people to attend. PSC has given a matching amount of \$2500. Grenoble Committee has sponsored \$500. Some of the people on the committee will be home hosted, others will stay in hotels. Mary Jane will ask the DAC committee to sponsor \$1000 at the next DAC meeting.

Nanette reported that Saturday August 6th is the Dbacks Disability Expo. Tickets are sold at a reduced rate and some of the proceeds will go to DAC/Grenoble Fund. Nanette said she will send out information to Rick so that he can send it out to everyone.

14. Election of Committee Chair and Officers:

Mary Jane nominated Michael for Chair, Nanette seconded, all approved. Robin nominated Mary Jane for Vice Chair, Michel seconded, all approved. Mary Jane nominated Robin for Secretary, Nanette seconded, all approved.

15. Upcoming PSC Events: No Discussion

16. Volunteer of the Year:

Robin reported that July 26th, at noon, at Touchstone, has been set aside to present Dan Bonaroti from Touchstone with for this year's Volunteer of the Year for all of his support and sponsorship over the years for the ICAD.

16. Next meeting is Tuesday August 2nd, 2016.

17. Call to the Public:

Pam Baldwin from "Joni and Friends" reported that her company has 50 restored manual wheelchairs for Hermosillo. Her company tries to find a church that would get the wheelchairs and they would then be fitted to each disabled individual. An application process is necessary between Hermosillo, the church, and DAC. Pam also stated that it is possible to have OTs and PTs go to Hermosillo as well. Information needs to be collected regarding how to get the wheelchairs across the border.

Mary Jane reported that she and Michael put together some information for the PSC 60 Days of Impact and it is up on the SCI Face Book page.

Mary Jane reported that at the State Conference there was no mention of Disability issues, DAC, or any of DAC's accomplishments. She also stated that she needs to give Rick feedback for future conferences.

18. Call to Adjourn:

Michael called to adjourn the meeting at 6:00.