

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 6th, 2016

7825 N Invergordon Place

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Teleconference: 602-744-5850 23646#

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

Michael Sleeseman*

Barbara Chatzkel*

Mary Jane Trunzo*

Robin Baethke*

Miki Safadi*

Jay Whipple*

Tom

Rick Gerrard

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Michael Sleeseman.

2. Approval of June 7th, 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: DAC Art balance \$627.99, DAC Writing balance \$0, DAC Holiday Fundraiser \$1682.44, and DAC Art and Wine \$1,853.76. Total =\$4,164.19

4. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities:

The theme for 2017 is “Empowerment Through Inclusion”. Robin reported that she has the summary tables done and is waiting for the proof for the brochure. Once the proof is approved she will get 50 copies printed. They will be ready for Mary Jane and Michael to take to the Grenoble Delegation.

6. International Competition for Artists with Disabilities:

This year’s theme is “Empowerment Through Inclusion”, was adopted from the UN Enable site. Robin asked that we decide on a theme for the 2017 ICAD at the October meeting. Robin can edit the ICAD Summary Table so that MJ can take to the Grenoble Delegation in November. Mary Jane stated that we have a \$500 sponsor for the “Best Photo Award”, from Graphic Images and Rick will check and see if that is in our account. Robin reported that the brochures and summary tables for 2016 are done. Robin reported that she sent out another blast to our local contacts and Rick reported that he sent out a blast to the international contacts and also put the information on Facebook also. Jay reported that he sent out information to Vocational Rehabilitation, which was over 100 contacts. Mary Jane reported that she has some beautiful photographs left over from the IPC and asked the committee what we should do with them. Miki suggested that we do something creative with the photos and MJ suggested meeting with Richard Retter to see if he wanted the photos to use with his students. Robin will set up a meeting with MJ, Richard, and Michael.

7. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Mary Jane reported that she for follow up by Ana Elena regarding specifics for 2017 training. Since Jay is not with SAAVI anymore his time is limited but suggested a training of cutting edge information, in March of 2017. This training has been done for the last six years. Hermosillo typically home hosts and provides transportation.

Mary Jane reported that we are assisting a young girl that was badly burned, who is in need of assistance. Mary Jane met the PT in Hermosillo and made plans to have DAC assist with getting the girl special stockings. Dr. Ruth Rimmer is helping with communications and will report on the girls progress at the next Hermosillo meeting.

Hermosillo is in need of a van for their ill patients to get to doctors, PT, etc.

Mary Jane is assisting Ana Elena with paperwork for when the burn children come to Phoenix for camp.

Hermosillo will be bringing their disabled troop to Phoenix to perform the Lion King. This is a fundraiser for a facility in Hermosillo for disabled children and adults where they can do recreational activities. The Hermosillo committee will need assistance with this project next year.

8. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Mary Jane reported that we will send out the same flyer that we used last year, in September/October to advertise the sale of the Bear and Book gift sets. Individuals will be able to purchase them online. Rick will make sure that the PayPal account is on line. Mary Jane and Michael will contact the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library to see if they will donate the 100 books that they have for the last two years. We also need to order the bears and bags. We will also send out the flyer to those individuals who purchased bears last year.

9. Calendar Update:

Once we get all the 2016 artwork to Nanette she will get the calendars done. Mary Jane's goal is to have them ready by the November 29th Board Meeting.

10. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

Mary Jane reported that if any changes need to be made to the Website to let Nanette know. Rick said that he would check for outdated information and have it deleted. He also suggested that DAC members check the site periodically and let him know if the site has to be edited.

12. Daring Adventures/Airwest Helicopter Project:

Mary Jane reported that Jerry of Daring Adventures is planning a Colorado River trip for 6 days and couple with DAC next summer. The Havasupai tribe put a stop on the Arizona Outdoor Adventure project to the falls. The river trip would be much cheaper and the committees will be asked regarding their interest in participating.

13. Grenoble/DAC Disability Conference:

Mary Jane reported that DAC is being presented an award at the Disability/Accessibility Conference in Grenoble on November 4-8th, 2016. Mary Jane reported that DAC will be starting off the Conference with their presentation regarding disability issues, to people from all over Europe. Mary Jane, Michael, Jay, Janine Bobin, and Nanette, will be presenting. 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 \$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 \$500. MJ made a motion and Miki seconded, all approved.

14. Upcoming PSC Events:

1. Taipei Art Exhibit in City Hall 9/7-915
2. 2nd Annual Ennis Book Festival with Reception (\$15), October 29th.
3. Calgary Veterans Remembrance Day Breakfast, Saturday November 5th.
4. Grenoble Wine Reception November 19th.
5. Outbound Himeji Delegation April 2017.
6. Outbound Chengdu Delegation TBD.

15. Volunteer of the Year:

Michael reported that on July 26th, at noon, at Touchstone, he and Mary Jane took lunch to Dan Bonaroti from Touchstone, and his staff to honor him with for this year's Volunteer of the Year award. He received the award for all of his support and sponsorship over the years for the ICAD.

16. Next meeting is Tuesday November 1st, 2016.

17. Call to the Public: no discussion

18. Call to Adjourn:

Michael called to adjourn the meeting at 6:01.