

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 4th, 2016

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*

Miki Safadi*

Jay Whipple*

Rick Gerrard

Brian Weymouth

Nanette O'Dell

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by Mary Jane Trunzo.

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

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

3. Committee Funds Status:

Rick reported: DAC Art balance \$627.99, DAC Writing balance (-10.04), DAC Holiday Fundraiser \$1682.44, and DAC Art and Wine \$1,853.76. Total =\$4,204.15

4. DAC Chair Membership Fee:

Mary Jane reported that we will need to borrow \$300 from our Teddy Bear and Book fund to pay for Michael's dues. We will be replenishing the PSC Fund with 25% of calendar and art sales. Nanette made a motion to pay for Michael's dues out of the Book and Bear fund, Robin seconded the motion, all approved. Mary Jane would like to have \$1000 in DAC General Fund.

5. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities:

The theme for 2017 is "Empowerment Through Inclusion" in line with the 2017 UN theme. Robin reported that she has the summary tables done as well as the brochure. They are 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. Mary Jane stated that we have a \$500 sponsor for the "Best Photo Award", from Grad Images for the even years and Dr. Ruth Rimmer will sponsor the odd years. Mary Jane reported that she has some beautiful photographs left over and asked Robin to set up a meeting with Richard Retter to see if he wanted the photos to use with his students. Robin discussed the details for ICAD. So far we have four pieces from Ramat Gan, three pieces from Chengdu, one from Ennis, and one from Phoenix. Robin has been communicating with Nicole from PSA and she said we should be getting some pieces in next week. Robin will be logging the art work next Thursday and Friday. David Imes will be photographing the artwork on Monday, October 17th and we get the artwork to our judges by Friday, October 21. Judged artwork needs to be back to Robin by Friday, October 28th. Robin will print out all the certificates after the artwork has been logged. Joseph Gesullo will be assisting Robin with putting up the lighting for the event and he will also be MC. Miki will help with selling the art and passing out cookies. Rick stated that he will provide three interns to help with the easels, set up, pass out People's Choice papers, and breakdown. The interns will have the easels to the event by 4:00pm on November 4th. Mary Jane will send the cookies and the lights into the office. Rick stated that an Intern will take pictures the night of the event and he

will provide the cash box. Rick reported that Michael Brown from Transdev will be present and Nanette will be getting Diamondback tickets for him.

7. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Mary Jane reported that the DAC/Hermosillo training is on hold for now.

Mary Jane reported that the stockings for the young girl who was badly burned were purchased. Ruth Rimmer and other committee members donated for the cost as they were very expensive. Hermosillo is in need of a van for their ill patients to get to doctors, PT, etc. Rick is waiting to hear back from Michael Brown at Transdev regarding possible van donation.

Mary Jane reported that Hermosillo needs to develop their own burn camp instead of sending people up to Phoenix.

Hermosillo will be bringing their disabled troupe to Phoenix to perform the Lion King in the fall of 2017. This is a fundraiser for a facility in Hermosillo for disabled children and adults where they can do recreational activities. A subcommittee will be meeting next week prior to the Hermosillo meeting.

8. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Mary Jane reported that we will send out the flyer to all of our contacts, after the DAC/Grenoble dinner, 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 online. Robin contacted the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library and Maricopa Integrated Health Services (MIHS) to see if they will donate books. The library will donate 100 books and MIHS will also donate 100 books. We also need to order the bears and bags. We will also send out the flyer to those individuals who purchased bears last year. Mary Jane and Michael will be ordering the bears shortly.

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. Nanette requested that the 2016 ICWD information be sent to her again.

10. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

Rick said that he would remove any outdated information that we request. 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. A fundraiser will take place at Voila French restaurant where the meal will cost \$100. DAC/Grenoble Fund Delegation will profit \$40 per meal and we will need approximately 40 people to attend. PSC has given a matching amount \$2500. Grenoble Committee has sponsored \$500 and DAC sponsored \$500. Nanette donated her \$2,000 fee for the Board Retreat presentation that she did. Some of the people on the committee will be home hosted, others will stay in hotels. Nanette reported that she was able to obtain four vouchers for the Diamondback game, for each table. Robin will make sure the vouchers are picked up and delivered to Mary Jane before the dinner.

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

1. 2nd Annual Ennis Book Festival with Reception (\$15), October 29th.

2. ICAD is on November 4th, at the Warehouse 1005 Studio and Gallery, from 6-9pm.

3. Grenoble Wine Reception November 19th.

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

17. Call to the Public: no discussion

18. Call to Adjourn:

Mary Jane called to adjourn the meeting at 5:50.