

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 1st, 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*

Michael Sleeseman*

Rick Gerrard

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Approval of October 4th, 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 that the funds status remained the same as last month: 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. 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.
Information will go out to all of our contacts before the end of the year.

5. 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 this with Richard and after the ICAD is over Richard is willing to meet. Robin reported that we have a total of 39 pieces: 3 from Chengdu, 4 from Ramat Gan, 1 from Ennis, 1 from Beijing, and the rest from Phoenix. The winners are:

Best photo:

Moshe Shai	Ramat Gan	#33	\$500
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Competition:

1. Jennifer Hynes	Ennis	#37	\$500
2. Hal Riley	Phoenix	#24	\$300
3. Nada Al Rubaye	Phoenix	#5	\$150

Exhibition:

1. Charles Rubadou	Phoenix	#1
2. Lu Christy Waites	Phoenix	#15
3. "Lee"	Phoenix	#39

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 sent in the cookies to 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. Rick contacted the respective winning committee chairs and they will be present at the event. Robin reported that the certificates are done and signed and ready to hand out.

6. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Mary Jane reported that the stockings for the young girl who was badly burned were given to her. Hermosillo is in need of a van for their ill patients to get to doctors, PT, etc. Rick is still waiting to hear back from Michael Brown at Transdev regarding possible van donation. Anna Elena will be communicating with Jay directly regarding the DAC/Hermosillo training. Hermosillo will be bringing their disabled troupe to Phoenix to perform the Lion King in October of 2017. This is a fundraiser for a facility in Hermosillo for disabled children and adults where they can do recreational activities. A subcommittee was formed and is working on the details. The performance will take place tentatively at the Salvation Army Community Center.

7. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Mary Jane reported that we will send out the flyer to all of our contacts, after the DAC/Grenoble Delegation 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. Robin will send the flyer to Rick. 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 already donated 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 after they get back from Grenoble

8. Calendar Update:

Robin sent all requested information to Nanette for the calendars. Nanette also requested that someone enter all of the international holidays into a spreadsheet for

her. Michael is working on this. Mary Jane's goal is to have them ready by the November 29th Board Meeting.

9. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

No update

10. Daring Adventures/Airwest Helicopter Project:

On hold-no discussion

11. 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 took place at Voila French restaurant, where \$600 was raised.

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

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

2. Grenoble Wine Reception November 19th.

3. Hermosillo Toy Drive-December TBD

4. Youth Ambassador Applications due by January 13th.

5. Czech Republic Opera in November

13. Next meeting is Tuesday January 3rd, 2017.

14. Call to the Public: no discussion

15. Call to Adjourn:

Mary Jane called to adjourn the meeting at 5:25.