

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 7th, 2017

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*

Joseph Gesullo*

Nanette Odell*

Leslie Baker*

Paul Karam*

Kathy Buscho*

Matthew Salamun*

Dwayne Hartford*

Miki Safadi*

Samantha Karim*

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Introductions:

We had several new members that Joseph brought to the meeting tonight. They all have joined PSC/DAC as members: Samantha Karim, Dwayne Hartford, Matthew Salamun, Kathy Buscho, Leslie Baker, and Paul Karam.

3. Approval of February 7th, 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 Robin read the following: DAC ICAD balance -\$297.92, ICWD balance \$835.66, Holiday Fundraiser \$1,349.44, Art and Wine \$1,853.76. Total DAC restricted = \$3,740.94. DAC Additional Fund = \$340.00 as of 1/31/17.

5. 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 again and Rick sent out again at the end of the month. Robin stated that she will send the brochure and summary tables to all new members so that they can send out to possible submitters. Robin reported that the ICWD Award Ceremony will take place at Luci's Healthy Marketplace on June 9th, 2017, between 5-7pm. Robin reviewed the typical program of the night.

6. International Competition for Artists with Disabilities:

- a. This year's theme was "Empowerment Through Inclusion". Joseph stated that he would like to combine the Art and Wine Event with the ICAD on the same night as the ICAD. He stated that he would like to have the event at the Foundry Hotel downtown off of Central and Roosevelt. Joseph made a motion to move the Art and Wine event to ICAD award ceremony at the Foundry Hotel instead of the Warehouse, Miki 2nd/all approved. Joseph announced that he would like to chair this year's 2017 ICAD. Miki made a motion to have Joseph chair the 2017 ICAD, Nanette 2nd/all approved. Joseph stated that his goal is to get at least one piece from every Sister City this year. The committee discussed paying David Imes \$300 to create this year's brochure. Joseph made a motion to pay David \$300 for designing the brochure, Miki 2nd/ all

approved. Discussion took place regarding Waddell and Reed sponsoring a local artist. Joseph made a motion to have Waddell and Reed sponsor an award for best local artist (Amount TBD), Miki 2nd/ all approved.

7. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Mary Jane reported that Rick has not heard from Anna Elena regarding the Lion King performance. She stated that she reported to the Hermosillo committee meeting that the choreographer could only do it in August and we can only do it in October. Ana Elena indicated they will decide and let us know if Stella Paolini will do it in August or we will coordinate performances for October. Regarding the Medical Training; Ana Elena and Jay Whipple are trying to come to an agreement regarding transportation. Mary Jane stated that Rick is waiting to hear from Michael Brown regarding the ambulance donation.

8. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Mary Jane reported that she went to all of the PSC committees to try and sell the Bear and Book sets .She stated that the PayPal account will be up on the PSC/DAC Website through March. Our goal is to get the Bear and Book sets ready to sell by September. Joseph reported that he and Kathy (new member), who works with the Ronald McDonald House, will be able to find sponsorships for this year to cover the cost of the Bears so that we will not have to sell the sets to the Board, Committee , and PSC members. Cathy stated that she will work on a proposal for the next meeting.

9. Calendar Update:

Nanette reported that she has most of the calendar reorganized. She took the international holidays out, which made more space for the monthly pages. Once we get the poetry submissions, Nanette stated that she will be able to complete the calendars. Our goal is to get the calendars ready to sell bay October. This is the only year that we will be behind with the artwork. Joseph reported that next year he feels that he will be

able to find a sponsor(s) to purchase all of the calendars so that we won't have to sell them. Mary Jane stated that 25% of the sales of the calendars goes into the General Fund and 75% goes into DAC fund.

10. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

Nanette reported that that she is waiting for the new intern to start to make some edits. She also reported that she spoke to Rick about keeping an intern on for a year instead of for a few months so there is more consistency.

11. Daring Adventures

Mary Jane stated that she spoke with Jeff and they are planning to meet on Friday 3/17 to discuss the trip.

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

13. Next meeting is Tuesday April 4th, 2017.

14. Call to the Public: no discussion

15. Call to Adjourn:

Michael called to adjourn the meeting at 5:50