

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

2555 E Georgia Ave.

Phoenix, AZ, 85016

**Teleconference: 602-744-5850 23646#**

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

Robin Baethke\*

Michael Sleeseman\*

Joseph Gesullo\*

Nanette Odell\*

Kathy Buscho\*

Paul Karam\*

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Joseph Gesullo.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of June 6th, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Committee Funds Status:

Robin reported that as of 7/19/17 there is \$352.51 in Additional Funds, \$1,202.08 in DAC Art, -\$124.40 in DAC Writing, \$1,374.44 in DAC Holiday Fundraiser, and \$1,853.76 in DAC Art and Wine, with a total of \$4,305.88 in DAC Restricted Funds.

5. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities:

The theme for 2018 is "Promoting Dignity and Equality". Joseph stated that he would like to change the theme so that the theme for the 2018 ICAD and the theme for the 2018 ICAD are the same. We will put this on next month's agenda and discuss.

## 6. International Competition for Artists with Disabilities:

This year's theme was "Empowerment Through Inclusion". Michael reported that he sent a letter to Leslie but there have not been any international contacts that he or Leslie has made yet. Joseph reported that he has had contact with Calgary, they have several pieces to send to us but they will need assistance with the cost of mailing their artwork. Joseph stated that he will research the cost and report to the committee next month. Joseph stated that David Imes should have the brochure ready by next week. Robin reported that she sent out the Summary Table and application to all of our local contacts two weeks ago and Rick will send out this week to the PSC international contacts. Joseph stated that he would prefer if Michael and Mary Jane go to STARS and he will go to PSA Art Awakenings to promote the ICAD.

Joseph reported that we need to place a \$1,200 deposit for the FOUND:RE hotel for the Event. Nanette made a motion to take \$1,200 out of the DAC Art and Wine Account for the deposit. Kathy seconded the motion, all approved. Joseph reported it will cost an average of \$2,500 for the event, which will include bar and food. Joseph is expecting 100-200 people at \$20/head and he will be donating \$1,500 to DAC from a personal fundraiser in the fall.

## 7. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Tabled

## 8. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Kathy Buscho brought a sample of the flyer and Robin suggested some edits. Kathy will redo the flyer and bring it to the next DAC meeting for approval. Kathy has not found a sponsor yet to cover the cost of 100 Bear and Book sets this year. Joseph reported he is waiting to hear from Michael regarding having a Holiday Fundraiser at his home in the fall. Robin will send Kath the flyer from last year's event so that she can edit it.

## 9. Calendar Update:

Nanette reported that she has most of the calendar reorganized. Nanette and Joseph stated that once we get the 2017 artwork to her she will get the calendar finished. Joseph stated that he wants the new art in the calendar so that the calendar can be sold the night of the event. Robin reported that she thought it was decided to use last year's artwork in this year's calendar so that we could put it up for sale in October.

10. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

No new information reported.

11. Daring Adventures:

Tabled

12. Disability Sports Exchange:

Tabled

13. DAC To Pay Joseph's Board Dues:

Robin made a motion to pay for Joseph's \$300 Board of Director Dues out of the Additional Funds Account, Nanette seconded the motion, all approved.

14. Purchase of Phone System for DAC Meetings:

Joseph reported that Paul will be going to AT&T to price phone systems. Paul stated he will report to the committee next month.

15. Upcoming PSC Events:

No Report

16. Next meeting is Tuesday September 5th, 2017. Joseph would like to have the meeting at the FOUND: RE, in August with all DAC members.

17. Call to the Public:

No Report

18. Call to Adjourn: Joseph called to adjourn the meeting at 5:40.