

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017

The FOUND:RE Hotel

1100 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ, 85003

Teleconference: 602-744-5850 23646#

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

Robin Baethke*

Michael Sleeseman*

Joseph Gesullo*

Paul Karam*

Mary Jane Trunzo*

Dwayne Hartford*

Rick Gerrard

Leslie Baker*

Rita Marko

Paula West

Diana Sandifer

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:14pm by Joseph Gesullo.

2. Introductions: Rita Marko to take Paula West Position after Paula retires at the end of October.

3. Approval of September 5th, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Committee Funds Status:

Rick reported that as of 8/16/17 there is \$52.51 in Additional Funds (-\$300 for Joseph's dues this month), \$902.08 in DAC Art, -\$124.40 in DAC Writing, \$1,374.44 in DAC Holiday Fundraiser, and \$1,853.76 in DAC Art and Wine (-\$1,200 for Found:re deposit), with a total of \$4,005.88 in DAC Restricted Funds -(\$1,200).

5. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities:

The theme for 2018 is "Promoting Dignity and Equality" but Joseph requested that we find a new theme to use for both art and poetry next year 2018. Michael will look at the UN theme in December and we can decide how to adapt the theme for our competitions. Joseph also stated that he would like the applications/brochures out in January. Joseph reported that Dwayne Hartford would be chairing ICWD in 2018.

6. International Competition for Artists with Disabilities:

- This year's theme is "Empowerment Through Inclusion". The ICAD Event will take place at the FOUND:RE Hotel in Central Phoenix on Friday night, November 3rd from 6:30-9:00pm.
- Mary Jane will contact Ruth Rimmer regarding \$500 sponsorship for Best Photo Award
- Diana Sandifer will confirm their sponsorship for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and People's Choice Award.
- Waddell and Reed will sponsor the Best Local Art
- Robin reported that we have 3 submissions from Himeji, 1 from Ramat Gan, 2 from Tai pie.
- Joseph reported that since this is the first time we have held the event at the hotel, we will not be charging a fee.
- Paul checked the cost of the easels (\$20). Rick reported that we have 40 at PSC. Robin suggested that we wait and see how many submissions we have before ordering any. Joseph asked Rick if he could pick up the easels early.
- Joseph and Paul will pick up the art from Robin's office and deliver it to the Found:Re Hotel.

- Joseph reported that we have David Imes, and Eric K. to judge. Robin will contact Nanette and Sherry Bombeck. Mary Jane will contact her Free Arts contact.
- Joseph reported that he and Paul will help Robin set up the art. Rick stated that we would have 2 interns to help also.
- Robin will print out all certificates
- Rick stated that Lexi from the PSC office will take pictures the night of the event and he will have her do some social media. Joseph discussed having TV coverage and will explore the possibility.
- Art that is previously priced will be for sale and art that is donated and not priced will be raffled off.
- Rick reported that the advertising went out to all the PSC membership regarding the event.
- No need for PSC microphone since there is one at the Hotel
- Joseph requested that all DAC members provide one Silent Auction Item.
- Joseph reported that there will be free valet parking the night of the event.

7. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo:

Mary Jane reported that the 40th Annual Celebration has been pushed back to April of 2018. Mary Jane stated that she will keep us posted.

8. Holiday Bear and Book Event:

Rick asked to have Kathy Buscho resend the final flyer to him so that he can post it on PSC website. Nanette will add to Fan Page. Discussion took place regarding the “Holiday Party” at Michel’s house on November 18th in order to sell the Bear and Book sets. Rick reported that we cannot have the party on the 18th due to conflict with the Beaujolais nouveau. Robin suggested a mimosa brunch for one Sunday in December. We will discuss at the next meeting.

9. Calendar Update:

No Report

10. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

No Report

11. Daring Adventures:

Mary Jane reported that the trip will occur next year. It will cost \$1,200/person and \$500 for the volunteers. The camping trip will be for 6 days and two people in wheelchairs will be allowed to go. Since this will be the first trip Hermosillo will be the only other Sister City participating.

12. Disability Sports Exchange:

Mary Jane will talk to Brian.

15. Upcoming PSC Events:

October 6th and 7th Arizona State Sister Cities State Conference

October 21st State Fair Worldfest: DAC can have a table/activities if they want. Rick reported that DAC could sell raffle tickets for a piece of artwork and advertise the Bear and Book event. Mary Jane stated that she and Michael will go and Miki agreed to help

2017 ICAD Awards Ceremony November 3rd at the FOUND:RE Hotel at 6:30. No admission fee

Phoenix Sister Cities 5K November 4th

Le Beaujolais Nouveau November 18th.

All details on the PSC Website

16. Next meeting is Tuesday November 7th, 2017.

17. Call to the Public:

Mary Jane reported that Robin set up a meeting with Mile Courtney on October 20th from 12-2. Mike is interested in sponsoring something for DAC.

18. Call to Adjourn: Joseph called to adjourn the meeting at 6:26.