

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 6th, 2018

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*

Mary Jane Trunzo*

Rick Gerrard

Nanette O'Dell*

Dwayne Hartford*

Samantha Karim*

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by Joseph Gesullo.

2. Introductions: No introductions

3. Approval of January 6th Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Committee Funds Status:

Rick reported that as of December 31st, 2018 there is \$494.01 in Additional Funds, - \$516.35 in DAC Art, -\$124.40 in DAC Writing, \$1,294.92 in DAC Holiday Fundraiser (Book and Bear), and \$1,853.76 in DAC Art and Wine. \$2,507.93 in DAC Restricted Funds.

5. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities:

The theme this year is "Transformation Towards an Inclusive Society". Dwayne reported that we will be holding the event at the Newton Center on 3rd Ave and Camelback in the Changing Hand's community room. The fee will be \$100 for two hours, which Joseph got

at a discount. Joseph reported that he will find a sponsor for this fee. There are tables. Chairs, wine and beverage bar, and snacks available. Joseph would like to hold a future meeting at this location so that the committee can see it. Dwayne reported he will be working on getting judges in the next few weeks. Robin reported that she edited the brochure and summary table and sent them to all of our local contacts. Rick sent them out to our international contacts and PSC members.

6. International Competition for Artists with Disabilities Results and Discussion:

Joseph reported that he contacted David Imes about starting the brochure for 2018. The new theme is "Transformation Towards an Inclusive Society". Joseph would like to get the brochure/summary table out by March and asked Robin to forward David all of the changes so that he can start working on it. Our due date will be September 1st this year in order to give time for the calendars. Mary Jane will meet with Vivyx to ask for sponsorship for 50 easels. Joseph would like to keep the same venue a last year. Joseph would like the art to be judged in person and not on line this year. Robin reported that Richard Retter talked to her about changing the way the art was raffled off last year and suggested maybe just raffling off 10 lower priced items and then having an event at Michael's to silent auction the remaining pieces. Joseph said he will contact Richard to see if he would be willing to help organizing that.

7. Bear and Book:

Joseph brought up changing the Book and Bear Event to something that reflects more of what DAC is about. Joseph did not feel that this event should be a fund raiser and charging \$25/set was too much. He suggested \$10/set and feels that we would sell more that way. Joseph suggested having a VIP Spring Event next spring and to then to use the money to do a delivery of Bears and Book sets around the holidays. Nannette stated that she felt the Bear and Book Event was a good thing to keep. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

8. Calendar Update:

Joseph reported he and Michael sold 7 calendars at the Board Meeting. Nanette would like to send calendars to our international counterparts; however Rick reported that it cost \$50

to send a certificate and award money to Ramat Gan and that it would be very expensive to mail the calendars.

9. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

Nanette will contact the new marketing intern, Alexander Bernard, to make changes to the site. Nanette will post the 2018 ICWD brochure and summary table to the Facebook Fan Page.

10. Upcoming PSC Events:

- **Chinese week 2/16-2/18**
 - **Matsuri Festival 2/24-25**
 - **Chengdu Delegation 3/17-28**
 - **Evening in Prague 3/17**
- All details on the PSC Website**

11. Next meeting: Tuesday March 6th, 2018.

12. Call to the Public:

13. Call to Adjourn: Joseph called to adjourn the meeting at 5:31