

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 2nd, 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*

Rick Gerrard

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

2. Introductions: No introductions

3. Approval of November 7th, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Committee Funds Status:

Rick reported that as of October 31st, 2017 there is \$52.51 in Additional Funds, \$884.92 in DAC Art, -\$124.40 in DAC Writing, \$1,374.44 in DAC Holiday Fundraiser (Book and Bear), and \$1,853.76 in DAC Art and Wine. \$3988.72 in DAC Restricted Funds. Rick stated that he will try and get a total of Book and Bear sales to us by the end of the week

5. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities:

Discussion took place regarding having the same theme for the ICWD, ICAD, and the calendars for the year. Michael and Mary Jane will research the UN themes and present to the committee next month so that we can decide on a theme for this year. Joseph asked if Robin could meet with him and Dwayne Hartford this month to educate Dwayne on the details of the ICWD since Dwayne will be chairing the ICWD this year. Joseph would like the brochure and summary table out ASAP. Robin will work on editing the summary table and brochure as soon as we have a new theme. Joseph reported that he would like to have the venue at the larger Luci's. Dwayne will contact Jerry from Luci's to discuss the details

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

Joseph reported that next year he would like to send thank you notes to sponsors before the ICAD event. Joseph will contact David Imes to start working on the brochure for 2018. Michael and Mary Jane will work on getting the new theme before the next DAC meeting. Joseph would like to get the brochure/summary table out by March. Leslie Baker will start working on getting international contacts. Once summary table updated Robin will send to Rick. Mary Jane will meet with Mike from Vivyx to ask for sponsorship for 50 easels. Joseph stated it is too early to discuss a venue. Discussion took place regarding adding name and country to the art pieces for the night of the event. Joseph reported that he would like to take pictures of the winners and their pieces before the awards ceremony to make it run smoother when giving out the awards. All agreed. Michael would like to video this year's event for a promotion piece.

7. Bear and Book:

20 Bear and Book sets were dropped off at Ronald McDonald house and 50 sets were dropped off at Gompers. Mary Jane read a thank you letter from Mark Jacoby from Gompers and Robin read a thank you letter from Ronald McDonald House. Mary Jane suggested that we try and do 100 gift sets next year. Michael made a motion to approve \$782.00 for the bears and \$72 for bags, ribbons and tags. Robin seconded the motion, all approved.

8. Calendar Update:

Mary Jane will bring calendars to Chengdu and Hermosillo Committee meetings and Joseph will bring to the Board Meeting to try and sell. Nanette made a motion to approve \$400 for the cost of having the calendars printed, Dwayne seconded, all approved.

9. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page: No Report

10. Daring Adventures: No Report

11. Upcoming PSC Events:

- **Catania scavenger hunt 1/27**
- **Chinese week 2/16-2/18**
- **Matsuri Festival 2/24-25**
- **Chengdu Delegation 3/17-28**

All details on the PSC Website

12. Next meeting is Tuesday February 6th, 2018.

13. Call to the Public:

14. Call to Adjourn: Joseph called to adjourn the meeting at 5:49