

Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 7th, 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*

Paul Karam*

Mary Jane Trunzo*

Rick Gerrard

Kathy Buscho*

Miki Safadi*

Nanette O'Dell*

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

2. Introductions: No introductions

3. Approval of October 3rd, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Committee Funds Status:

Rick reported that as of September there is \$52.51 in Additional Funds, \$902.08 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. \$4,005.88 in DAC Restricted Funds. Mary Jane reported the following:

1. Expenses:

A. \$200 for Best Photo

- B. \$500 People's Choice
- C. \$300 Best Local Artist
- D. \$2,500 ICAD Event
- E. Postage to mail back art??

Total: \$3,500+postage to mail back art (up to \$300)

2. Income: (In our accounts)

- A. \$2,000 Joseph Fund Raiser
- B. \$1,853 Art and Wine Budget
- C. \$900 ICAD Budget

Rick reported that Transdev will be depositing \$950 for each ICWD 2018 and ICAD 2918

Total: \$4,753

Remaining Amount in accounts:

\$1,253

PLUS ARTWORK SOLD AND RAFFLE TICKETS THE NIGHT OF EVENT (\$315 event, \$100 calendars,)

5. International Competition for Writers with Disabilities: TA BLE

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

- Everyone thought the venue was wonderful as it had a real gallery feel to it.
- We did not have a much foot traffic a when we held it at the Warehouse and Joseph said he will start looking for a different venue for next year where there is more foot traffic.
- Joseph felt that we need to have a more organized award ceremony.
- Robin reported that she felt that we should have just the award ceremony on first Friday with the viewing of the art and People's Choice Award that night. A flyer should be handed out to each person that walks through the door advertising the Art and Wine Fundraiser to be held on a Sunday after the award

ceremony, at a champagne bagel brunch at Michael's home. No art will be for sale and/or raffled the night of the award ceremony and sales/raffle of the art will take place at the subsequent brunch.

- How the art is judged was discussed. The committee agreed to have the art judged as it was in the past: theme interpretation, originality, and skill. The judges also reported that in order to judge the artwork fairly, they want to see the artwork instead of judging it on line. (What we use to do)
- Committee agreed to have the deadline for the ICAD submissions be October first NO EXCEPTIONS. This will give the committed plenty of time for logging the artwork, making cards for each piece with name, country, and disability on each card, and the bio taped to the back of the piece. Joseph wants to get the brochure out by March 1st. Joseph will ask David Imes to start the brochure in January.
- Photographs of the winners need to be done separately from the dispersement of the awards.
- Regarding Easels: Mary Jane met with Vivyx and reported that they would like to be a sponsor for DAC programs. Mary Jane will ask Mike Courtney from Vivyx if they would like to sponsor the cost of the easels.
- Joseph would like to send out thank-you notes to a variety of people/organizations. We will follow through with this when Joseph gets back into town. (FOUND: RE, Transdev, Diamondbacks, Phoenix Suns, Sponsors, etc.)
- We will not raffle off all donated pieces next year. This will be handled differently next year at the Art and Wine Event.
- Mary Jane reported that someone from Calgary bought and Exhibition piece from Richard Retter the night of the event. Per our "rules" DAC is supposed to get a percentage of the sale. Mary Jane reported that she will contact Richard and speak to him about DAC getting a percentage of the sale.
- Joseph reported that he will ask Leslie to mail the artwork back to Calgary and Himeji. DAC will pay up to \$300 for postage.

7. PSC/ DAC Hermosillo: On Hold

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:

Kathy Buscho sent the final flyer to Rick and Rick posted the flyer on the PSC website. Kathy stated that Evan and Kristin Horstman have purchased 16 Bear and Book sets (\$400). After Joseph gets back from being out of town we will order the Bears. Robin and Mary Jane will go to Friends of Phoenix Public Library Warehouse to sort through and pick up books for the sets. This year we will be delivering 12 sets to Gompers. Phoenix Children's Hospital requested craft sets and/or puzzles instead of the bears and books due to the need for "sterile and new items". They also requested that we pass this year due to moving their building. Mary Jane reported that Dr. Iris Drower suggested that we take the Bear and Book sets to SW Autistic Research Center (SARC). Mary Jane will contact this organization.

9. Calendar Update:

The Calendar that Nanette put together was beautiful! Nanette had 60 calendars printed for the ICAD award ceremony at \$5 each. We sold 10 that night, Paul took 4 to sell, Kathy bought 5, and Joseph took 1 to sell. Joseph stated that he will bring some to the PSC Board Meeting and sell some there. We will not have any more printed at this time. Nanette said that when she gets the invoice for the printing she will send it to Rick for reimbursement from DAC funds.

10. Website-PSC Facebook Fan Page:

Book and Bear Flyer is up

11. Daring Adventures: Tabled

12. Disability Sports Exchange: Tabled

13. Upcoming PSC Events:

- **Lights Of The World:** November 16th
- **Beaujolais Nouveau:** November 18th
- **ASU Vs. U Of A Game Watch Party:** November 25th
- **Hermosillo Baseball And Art Delegation Visit:** December 6th

All details on the PSC Website

14. Next meeting is Tuesday December 5th, 2017.

15. Call to the Public:

16. Call to Adjourn: Joseph called to adjourn the meeting at 5:51