

MINUTES - DDSC Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2019
South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach

Officers Reports:

- President Mike Childs welcomed us to 2019; library schedule was changed to Thursday afternoons and we need to follow the “no food” policy. During the May 23 meeting we will elect new officers; let him know if interested in running for a two-year term. He would like someone to lead a recruitment committee to gather names of those interested in running for office. The person should not be a person interested in running for office. There were 39 people in attendance.
- Vice President Robert Balzer. Report on website moved to New Business
- Secretary Barbara White - approval of November minutes; Mark Alford moved to approve, Billy Bowman seconded. She requested to give health care report with Norma Buemi, who joined the meeting remotely via videophone. Summary of report attached.
- Treasurer Allen Talbert - (absent). His prepared financial reports for November and December were shown; the reports were approved with some questions concerning whether to separate the holiday and picnic funds.
- Activities Coordinator Rosemary Balzer (absent).
- Refreshments Coordinator Nancy Childs - asked if we should continue to provide water bottles. Consensus was no.

Old Business

- Feedback on the 911 video. Jay Innes reported that Bruce White sent the feedback generated from the November meeting and the 911 Director John Gilliams replied that the signed text-to-911 ASL video made with Richard Pelletier will soon be posted on a special State of Delaware 911 site on the web.
- Labor Day reservation for Sunday September 1, 2019 - Jay Innes and Andy Duhon will be co-chairs and the date will remain the same, even if some people are at DSA (Deaf Seniors of America conference).

New Business

Robert Balzer shared an update on the DDSC website. He found a provider, Word Press, that will charge \$60 the first year, or \$5 per month. Jay Innes moved to approve the expense of \$5 monthly. Marg Buyas seconded. Passed.

Announcements

- Reminder for the 2019 schedule for DDSC meetings: February 28 at 1:00, April 4 at 12:00 pm, April 25 at 1:00, May 23 at 1:00 and June 27 at 1:00.
- Seth Bravin will be the presenter from Sprint at the February 28th meeting
- Annual beach grass planting is Saturday, March 16; if interested register at <http://de.gov/beachgrass>

- June 2nd “Color Run” activity is posted in FB. Give money to Sherry Duhon by Monday 1/28 or send yourself; information posted in DDSC Facebook.
- DAD/DSD will sponsor 50th anniversary May 17/18 - will send flyer and post in DDSC Facebook
- March 16th will be a DAD fundraiser-- St Patrick’s Day Party at Bay Forest
- 50/50 Chance - Jerry Buyas

GUEST SPEAKERS:

“The new interpreting contract between Beebe Healthcare and Deafinitions Interpreting”

- Alina Ferrer, Coordinator, Language Bank Services, Beebe Healthcare
- Pam D’Occhio, Founder and Owner, Deafinitions and Interpreting, LLC

Thanks to interpreters Helen Chang and Tona Swagart