

Minutes - DDSC Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 2019
South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach

Officers Reports:

President Mike Childs - 32 people are in attendance. We could not have a meeting in March due to scheduling; we will need to be out of the room for another group by 4:00 pm. You are welcome to join the retiree's happy hour at Salted Vines after the meeting.

Vice President Robert Balzer (move to old business re: website)

Secretary Barbara White - approval of February minutes; approved, with Mark Alford suggesting that the minutes be sent out with the financial report in a separate attachment.

Treasurer Allen Talbert - gave financial report as of February 2019. Balance is \$3,277.80. There was a discussion about changing the line item "IWD" to "Special Events". The treasurer will make the item "special events" going forward.

Activities Coordinator Rosemary Balzer gave an update on upcoming activities. Let her know of other activities you are aware of.

April 27th: Ocean to Bay Bike Tour

May 17th: DSD 50 Bike Ride (Cyclists/Volunteers) Sold out

25th: Memorial Day Weekend 5K Run/2 mile Walk sponsored by N. Childs

June 1st: 5th Color Me Dewey 2.8 Miles sponsored by S. Duhon Sold Out

2nd: The First Annual Bingo Night at Salisbury Moose Lodge hosted by DILA

8th: Deaf Night At The Shorebirds Stadium hosted by DILA

15th: Roxana Fried Chicken Dinner sponsored by Bud Fry

Old Business

- Robert Balzer demonstrated the work thus far on the website, which includes the ByLaws
<https://delawaredeafsc.org/>
- Mike Childs again reminded us we need to have new officers for two-year term, September 2019-June 2020; we will develop a ballot at the April 25th meeting of those interested in being a candidate. The election of new officers will take place at the May 23rd meeting.
- DSD 50th anniversary bike ride May 17th and exhibit booth - Billy Bowman explained the booth that DSD will have. DDSC will also send a representative. We may want to develop a fold out poster with information on DDSC.

New Business

- It was agreed upon by the group that we will change the end of year outdoor picnic to Friday, June 21st. Billy Bowman agreed to chair this event and select a committee to barbecue. It will be for folks who regularly attend DDSC only. Barbara White will get the park permit, which is free to residents of Ocean View with a \$50 deposit, which will be returned if we leave the park clean and take out trash.

Announcements

- Remaining meeting dates for this year are
 - Thursday, April 25 at 1:00 pm - library (presenters from Sprint: Angie Officer and Arthur Moore)
 - Thursday, May 23 at 1:00 pm - library (election for new officers)
 - Friday, June 21 - outdoor picnic at 12:00 noon - 4:00, John West Park, Oakwood Avenue, Ocean View, 19970
- For next year (September 2019 through June 2020) we may want to find another location for our meetings that will allow food.

Guest Speaker

Pam Whitney gave a lively presentation on her new role with the Indian River School District as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Coordinator of the Indian River School District (IRSD). When she first took the job last November there were 26 identified students from K-12 with hearing loss. Now there are more than 50 deaf/HH students, and she suspects more will be identified. The students are spread out among 16 schools in the IRSD and there is a great need to have them come together and meet each other. A few are learning ASL, but most are in classrooms where the teacher feels they are “doing fine.” Pam said there is a great need for the students to meet deaf adults. There is a field trip with the elementary students on Wednesday, April 17th at 10:30 am Milford Bowling Lanes, 809 Dupont Blvd, Milford, DE 19963. www.milfordbowl.com/

DDSC folks are invited to attend and mingle with the students at the bowling alley. The staff will also join, including the teacher of the deaf at the Clayton Elementary School, Irene Klein from PSD, and 3 full time ASL interpreters: Rick Franco, Jan Alvarez and MaryBeth Tkach. Pam passed out a flier and requested anyone interested in volunteering with the deaf/HH students to contact her at pamela.whitney@irsd.k12.de.us

Secretary's note: Pam overlooked mentioning the upcoming referendum on May 7th which will be a vote for a small tax increase to support for the Indian River Schools. More information on this referendum can be found at: <https://www.irsd.net/referendum>

Margie Norwood won the 50/50 chance and gave \$10 of her winnings back to DDSC.

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