

Minutes
Delaware Deaf Senior Citizens
Thursday, May 23, 2019
South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Officers Reports:

President Mike Childs: Introduced visitors. There are 38 people attending today's meeting. We have this meeting room reserved at the library for September, October and November; I will introduce the new officers to Colleen, the scheduler, after the meeting so specific dates can be reserved.

Vice President Robert Balzer - showed the new materials on the DDSC webpage.

Secretary Barbara White: approval of April 25th minutes; Ricky Suiter moved to accept; Bev Alford seconded.

Treasurer Allen Talbert - gave the financial report (attached) and said the fundraiser at Bethany Blues restaurant was a big success, given that we planned it on short notice. We raised over \$800. We will do another fundraiser with this restaurant on October 29, 2019. The event planner would like some of us to come teach the wait staff some ASL before the event. Robert Balzer moved to accept the financial report; Mark Alford seconded.

Activities Coordinator Rosemary Balzer; in her absence we noted the upcoming events:

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

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

June 8th: Deaf Night at The Shorebirds Stadium (Salisbury) hosted by DILA

June 15th: Roxana Fried Chicken Dinner sponsored by Bud Fry

Old Business: none noted

New Business

- DDSC Logo - Barbara White said the current officers met with Tracey Salaway, Professor of Art and Design at Gallaudet University. She will do a logo for DDSC at no charge. She will work on sketches and present them to the officers, who will then select 3 designs to present to the members in the Fall so a logo for DDSC can be chosen.
- Weather Alert radio - Bruce White said deaf people have no way of getting tornado warnings when sleeping during the night. A tornado touched down in nearby Seaford and Laurel DE on April 15th. He demonstrated the Midland Weather Alert Radio that has a small red strobe light attached to it. There are other companies that sell weather radios with bed vibrator plugins. Search the internet for the best prices.

- Allen Talbert said our funds are growing due to recent fundraisers; as a 501©3 nonprofit we need to identify a “cause” or “goal” for next year to give back to the community.
- Norma Buemi moved to have funds set aside for an interpreting fund, Luanne Kowalski seconded. Passed.
- Jay Innes moved that when we establish a goal, we should consider the project to have a deaf centric focus, Billy Bowman seconded. Passed
- David Bendekovits moved that a resident of Sussex County should not hold two positions in two different organizations. Nancy Childs seconded. Billy Bowman moved to close discussion; Dick Moore seconded. Motion failed.
- Robert Balzer moved to transfer the funds for the Labor Day picnic and the holiday party to the category of “Special Events”. Jerry Buyas seconded. Mark Alford moved to close discussion, Donald DeGeorge seconded. Motion failed.

Announcements

- Friday, June 21 - outdoor picnic 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm, John West Park, at West Avenue and Oakwood Avenue, Ocean View, 19970; Billy Bowman, Chairing the event; He set up 3 committees: Hazel Rinas and Marion DeLusant will organize the pot luck, Allen Talbert will organize games, and Donald DeGeorge and Joey DeLusant will be in charge of trash and clean up. The picnic is not for people who do not come to DDSC regularly. <http://www.oceanviewde.com/John-West-Park/>
- Update on Holiday Party. Nancy Childs discussed the plans with the Ladies lunch group. They agreed it will be at the Cripple Creek Country Club, Dagsboro on December 12th, 5:00-9:00 pm- Nancy and Mike Childs will be Chairs. The dinner was the only time and date available; it will be a buffet, \$35 per person, cash bar, no door prizes to keep price affordable, will include party favors for everyone; will have skits plus a special surprise.
- Brenda Frey offered to contact a company for the weather radios and see if they can give a group discount.

Mark Alford moved to close new business. Donald DeGeorge seconded.

Election of Officers

Bruce White explained election procedures. The election of new officers was conducted; each candidate for each office ran unopposed. The new officers for 2019 to 2021 are: President, Mark Alford; Vice President Robert Balzer, Treasurer, Allen Talbert. There were no candidates for Secretary; it was suggested the President appoint someone. A Bylaw change would be needed to split the role into two: Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Norma Buemi officiated the Oath of Office from the Bylaws and new officers were sworn in.

50/50 chance was won by Nancy Childs. Patsy Bowman moved to adjourn; Dick Moore seconded.