

MINUTES
Delaware Deaf Senior Citizens
Thursday, October 24, 2019
South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach DE
12 noon — 4:00 pm

Attendees: 28 DDSC members

Presentation by Delaware School for the Deaf Statewide Program Workshop (DSDSPW)

Guest presenters:

- 1) Laurie Kettle-Rivera, Delaware School for the Deaf Director/Coordinator Statewide Programs, Deaf & Hard of Hearing.
- 2) Mindi Failing, Statewide Coordinator, Deaf & Hard of Hearing

They gave a brief presentation about Delaware School for the Deaf and Family Advocacy and Child Educational Services (FACES) program and how the DDSC can support their programs.

Officers Reports:

President Mark Alford:

- 1) Acknowledged and welcomed a visitor, Jim Hynes, from Florida.
- 2) Thanked to the guest speakers; Laurie Kettle-Rivera and Mindi Failing for a wonderful information about the DSDSPW. We will discuss more in Old Business related to the money donation.

Vice-President Robert Balzer — no report

Acting Secretary Robert Balzer:

Marge Buyas moved to accept the September 26, 2019 Minutes with a minor correction of the correct spelling of the park, "John West Park".

Treasurer Allen Talbert:

Mike Childs moved to accept the September 26, 2019 financial report.

Old Business

1) *Identify at least five goal for DDSC to accomplish this year.* Allen Talbert gave a list of possible ideas with the help from board members. They are:

1. Donate books to deaf students at Delaware School for the Deaf and deaf/hard of hearing students enrolled in the Indian River School District
2. Buy/donate educational books from Gallaudet University Book store about deafness to Bethany Beach Library
3. Provide support to Meals on Wheels in order to provide meals to deaf people
4. Donate holiday gifts, Toys for Tots, for identified deaf students in district schools
5. Volunteer at Mountaire Farms to deaf families if needs
6. Donate funds to deaf/hard of hearing students to attend summer camps
7. Perform as Deaf Santa for deaf/hard of hearing students

2) DDSC Logo. Barbara White showed two logos designed by Tracey Salaway of Gallaudet University Art Department. Included:

- a. Logo with yellow cables on the left side and blue cables on the right side of the bridge.
- b. Logo with just one color blue cable on both sides of the bridge.
- c. Barbara and Allen pointed out that Ms. Salaway had agreed with the logo committee to present just two of her designs to the membership. She felt it was not productive to show more designs.

1. Luanne moved that we look at two remaining logo samples and vote today. Billy Bowman seconded. ****Voted Passed to accept the design with two colors on the bridge cables.****

2. Jay Innes moved that the graphic designer remove the picture of the turtle from the logo and Carla Hanyzewski seconded. ****Vote Passed****

New Business

- 1) *Su Casa and Chamber of Commerce.*** Barbara White said that Sherry Duhon will work with Su Casa and Chamber of Commerce to provide the Deaf Culture training along with a list of resources for them. She will share more information at our next meeting.
- 2) *Indian River School District with Pam Whitney (Toys for Deaf Tots).*** Barbara White has been communicating with Pam Whitney, Interpreter and Coordinator of Indian River School District about DDSC donating toward Toys for Deaf Tots. Barbara moved that DDSC members vote and agree up to \$400 for this event. Marge Buyas seconded. ****Vote Passed****
- 3) *Health Issues.*** Norma Buemi and Barbara White shared information about the new feedback form for deaf customers/patients to complete in order to evaluate the quality of interpreters. Norma and Barbara are working with the administrators at Beebe Hospitals and Health Care. It will be determined at a later date if Beebe or Delaware Association for the Deaf (DAD) will be responsible for sending out this feedback form.
- 4) *Volunteer to be a chairperson for Labor's Day picnic.*** Billy Bowman moved that Joey DeLusant be the chairperson for the 2020 Labor Day Picnic. James Floyd seconded. ****Voted by acclamation**** Congrats to Joey DeLusant.
- 5) Nancy Childs as a Co-chairperson for the Holiday Dinner** moved that DDSC will present \$50 as a Holiday Dinner "favors." Marge Buyas seconded. ****Vote Passed****

Billy Bowman moved that the meeting be closed, seconded by Allen Talbert. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.