

MINUTES
Delaware Deaf Senior Citizens
Thursday, November 14, 2019
South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach DE
12 noon – 4:00 pm

President Mark Alford called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.

Attendees: 32 people

We had a group picture of DDSC members who gave holiday gifts to Indian River School District (IRSD) deaf/hard of hearing students.

Officers' Reports:

President Mark Alford:

- Met with Librarian about reserving the meeting room for upcoming meeting dates. We voted on the following dates/times.
 - Jan. 23, 2020: 9 - 12:30 pm (can use FOB)
 - Feb 27, 2020: 9 am - 12:30 pm (can use FOB)
 - March 12, 2020: 9 am - 12:30 pm (can use FOB)
 - April 23, 2020: 12:30-4 pm
 - May 21, 2020: 12:30 - 4 pm
- Informed us that Peggy Stewart and Pam Whitney will come in January 2020 to discuss the interpreter bill that the sub-committee has been working on.
- Informed us that he asked BeeBe to present to us about the risk factors of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. We need to decide the date of the presentation. Mike Childs suggested that we ask a Dr. Wilson, deaf neurosurgeon who specializes in dementia and Alzheimers, from WA to present on this topic as he did that at Deaf Seniors of America (DSA). Will discuss this during new business.
- Explained that Ricky Rose of Gallaudet contacted him to offer to present to us about American Society of Deaf Children (ASDC).
- Informed us that Arthur Moore of Sprint wants to share Sprint/T-Mobile updates with us.

Vice President Robert Balzer:

- No report to share

Treasurer Allen Talbert:

- See attached financial report. It does not include our profit of \$322 from the fundraiser event at Bethany Blues. It will be included in next month's report. The current balance as of October 2019 is \$4,057.54.

Old Business:

- **Delaware School for the Deaf/Statewide Program (DSDSWP) - donations for DSDSWP deaf/hard of hearing students.** Barbara White suggested that Mark Alford contact them to get a wish list from them, maybe for Spring 2020. Joey DeLusant moved that we table this to the next meeting to allow time for Mark to get more information. Brenda Kelly-Frey seconded. Jay Innes added a friendly amendment to Joey's motion that Jay will ask Laurie Kettle-Rivera/Mindi Failing for the list when he meets with them this Monday, and not wait until next month. Allen Talbert seconded the friendly amendment. The friendly amendment and the main motion were passed.
- **Holiday gift drive for IRSD deaf/hard of hearing students:** Barbara White thanked us for buying holiday gifts for the IRSD deaf/hard of hearing students. She will bring all gifts to Pam Whitney on Monday. Barbara also bought six (6) gift cards of \$20 each for six (6) students that were not signed up for. The total of gift cards came to \$120.

New Business:

- Marion DeLusant moved that DDSC rent a PO box. Jay Innes seconded. After discussions, the motion failed.
- Brenda Kelly-Frey moved that we invite someone from Emergency Preparedness to present about that topic to us. Gordon Bergan seconded. After discussions, the motion failed.
- Jay Innes moved that we investigate the idea of bringing an expert (Dr. Wilson of WA) to speak to us about dementia and Alzheimer's disease (find out what the cost will be to bring him here), AND invite a representative from BeeBe. Sherry Duhon seconded. Passed. Mike Childs and Mark Alford will follow up on this motion.
- Norma Buemi moved that we invite Peggy Stewart, Pam Whitney, and Feta Fernsler to our January 2020 meeting to have a discussion about the "interpreter bill". Brenda Kelly-Frey seconded. Barbara White amended that we ask Peggy Stewart to send us the bill before our meeting. Gordon Bergan seconded. Passed.
- Sherry Duhon moved that we ask Beth Benedict to present to us about American Society of Deaf Children (ASDC). Carla Hanyzewski seconded. Passed.
- Jay Innes moved that we drop the idea of inviting Arthur Moore of Sprint to present to us. Norma Buemi seconded. Passed.
- Joey DeLusant moved that we close new business. Robert Balzer seconded. Passed.

Announcements:

- Sherry Duhon updated us on Su Casa's request for someone to provide their employees with an informal deaf awareness training. Sherry offered to do it. Su Casa wants to invite other local businesses to join them for the training. It may take place in February 2020.
- Joey DeLusant informed us that Delaware Association of the Deaf (DAD) will have a short meeting and fundraiser at **Greene** Turtle in Dover at 5:30 pm this evening. We are welcome to attend the meeting as well.

- Mark Alford announced that Lisa Jacobs volunteered to take meeting notes during DDSC meetings.
- Mark Alford welcomed Linda Lytle who attended her first DDSC meeting.

Adjournment:

- Robert Balzer moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Bendekovits seconded. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.