

AGENDA - DDSC Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2020
South Coastal Library - Bethany Beach, DE
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Number of Attendees: 16

Meeting started at 9:40 am.

Officers' Reports

President Mark Alford's proposed agenda items:

1. Thanks to Robert Blazer, Allen Talbert, and Lisa Jacobs for taking care of the January meeting when I was absent. Also, thanks to Mindi Failing, Feta Fernsler, Kyle Hodges, Peg Stewart, and Pam Whitney for attending the the meeting, especially Mindi for moderating the discussion on the Interpreter Bill. Additionally, thanks to interpreters, Caroline Greene and Brenda Kelly-Frey.
2. Congratulations to Mike & Nancy Childs and Denis & Angela Munn for hosting the annual Holiday dinner last December.
3. Approval of November 2019 minutes
4. Approval of November 2019 Treasury report
5. Approval of January 2020 minutes
6. Approval of January 2020 Treasury report
7. Reinstate the motion for renewal DDSC's domain name
8. Peter Rozynski's AARP Smart Driver Course (Joey DeLusant)
9. Purpose of DDSC's mission
10. Discuss future fundraising restaurants
11. Interpreter Bill discussion (Jay Innes)
12. Joe L. Thomas of CAD Caller Location Query (Bruce White)

President Alford:

- Informed us that his wife, Beverly, is gradually recovering from her kidney injury
- Thanked the other officers for covering for him at last month's meeting
- Thanked Nancy & Mike Childs and Angela & Denis Munn for hosting the holiday dinner. Ida Robertson will host the holiday dinner December 2020, also at Cripple Creek Country Club.
- Thanked Mindi Failing, Feta Fernsler, Kyle Hodges, Peg Stewart, and Pam Whitney for attending the January meeting to discuss the Interpreter Bill. Appreciated Mindi being the moderator. Also thanked Brenda Kelly-Frey and Caroline Greene for interpreting at that meeting.

Vice President Robert Balzer:

- No report to share

Interim Recording Secretary Lisa Jacobs:

- No report to share

Treasurer Allen Talbert:

- See financial report attached.
- Auditors Joey DeLusant and Andy Duhon made corrections to the financial report in order to reimburse Allen Talbert \$17.99 for the domain name and \$94 for the holiday dinner as he mistakenly used his personal funds to pay for them. Joey DeLusant moved that DDSC reimburse Allen Talbert \$111.99. Mike Childs seconded. Passed.
- There was a discussion about reporting to IRS since we are now a 501C3 organization. We need to update the EIN form with the current name (from Mike Childs to Allen Talbert's name).

Approval of Minutes

Barb White inquired about the meeting minutes being distributed prior to the DDSC meeting. The response is they are on DDSC's website for people to review. Jay Innes recommended that an email be sent when the meeting minutes have been uploaded along with the link.

- November 2019 minutes were shown and approved. Billy Bowman moved to accept, Allen Talbert seconded. (Note that the November 2019 treasurer's report is included in the meeting minutes which means it is also approved).
- January 2020 minutes were shown and approved. Barb White moved to accept, Jerry Buyas seconded. (Note that the January 2020 treasurer's report is included in the meeting minutes which means it is also approved).

Old Business

- Jay Innes clarified that the draft Interpreter Bill is using "spoken English" which is not inclusive of Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDIs). He and the committee recommended using the current RID definition, passed at the last national meeting which is more inclusive.

New Business

- Joey DeLusant moved that we do not pursue the idea about inviting Dr. Wilson of WA to present about dementia. Instead, we will invite Beebe Hospital to discuss the topic of dementia at a future meeting. Nancy Childs seconded. Passed.

- Joey DeLusant moved to bring a deaf AARP rep, Peter Rozynski, to teach the six-hour Smart Driver course to us. John Padden seconded. Passed.
- Joey DeLusant moved to approve the \$17.99 annual fee for DDSC's domain website. Hazel Rinas seconded. Passed.
- Mike Childs moved to table the discussion on fundraising to next month's meeting with hopes that more people will be in attendance. Pee Wee DeGeorge seconded. Passed.
- Jay Innes moved that we formalize the committee (Gordon Bergan, Billy Bowman, Norma Buemi, Joey DeLusant, Mindy Failing, Jay Innes, Dennise Scott, Allen Talbert, and Barbara White) for the Interpreter Bill. Jerry Buyas seconded. Passed.
- Billy Bowman moved to remove the holiday dinner from our budget item. If the ladies lunch group needs to borrow funds, they can ask us. Jay Innes seconded. Passed.
- Allen Talbert moved that we formally approve Lisa Jacobs as secretary. This will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Discussion Items

- There was a brief discussion about the purpose and mission of DDSC. Allen Talbert mentioned that several people have stated that DDSC was becoming too "political"; for example, the interpreter bill should be the domain of DAD. We reviewed the By Laws and mission statement. It was suggested that DDSC alternate educational and recreational activities. We noted that we no longer can have drinks and refreshments prior to the meeting at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach which may have an impact on attendance. DDSC officers need to appoint someone to chair the social committee and to research other meeting location options for the purpose of providing drinks and refreshments.
- Billy Bowman will form a committee to have a June picnic for regular DDSC members.

Announcements

- Mike Childs announced that the Deaf Expo will be on Saturday, February 29, 2020. There will be 35 vendors, but they have not been listed.
- Joey DeLusant informed us that only about 40 tickets have been sold for DAD's St. Patrick's party on March 14. DAD will have a board meeting at the Ocean View Town Hall before the party from 1:00-3:00 pm. President Feta Fernsler will give a short presentation at Bay Forest clubhouse to share updates at 4:00 pm, followed by the dinner.
- Joe L. Thomas of Caller Location Query (CLQ) will attend our next meeting on March 12, 2020 from 10-10:30 am to discuss this. We will ask him to bring an interpreter.

- The winner of this month's 50/50 is John Padden (\$24).
- The next meeting will be March 12, 2020 at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jacobs

Interim Recording Secretary