

DDSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2022

1. **Call to order** by the President at 10:05 am. 19 members present.
2. **Reading/correction/approval of minutes of previous monthly meeting** (May 2022)

Barbara Simpson moved to approve the minutes as read. Margaret Buyas seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

3. **Officers' Reports**

President Allen Talbert

- Today's meeting must be completed by 12:30 pm
- Need help with recording today's meeting. (Sherry Duhon recorded the meeting.)
- Monthly meeting dates confirmed - 10/20/22, 11/17/22, and 12/15/22
- Membership dues - \$2 (raise dues?)
- June Picnic for members only
- Labor Day Picnic
(Marion/Joey DeLusant)
- Report on Dr. Tam's Meet/Greet
(Billy Bowman)
- Next month's workshop
(Billy Bowman)
- Website
- Future of DDSC?
- Nominating Committee for 2023 election of officers

Vice President Sherry Duhon

- Scholarship Committee
- Holiday Dinner/Party
- ASL Club for HS students

Secretary John Padden

- May Minutes Report
(John Padden)

Treasurer Paul Haring

- May, June, July, August, and September 2022 Financial Reports
(Paul Haring) (The treasurer reports have not been reviewed until the audit of the financial reports since May, 2022 are done) Labor Day Picnic fund will be reported next month.

4. Standing/Special committees' report

Billy Bowman reported briefly for Marion/Joey DeLusant as they weren't able to show up at today's meeting about the positive turnout of 75 people who attended the Labor Day Picnic. The DeLusants will report the outcome of the Labor Day Picnic at the meeting next month.

Billy Bowman asked us to consider being the chairperson for 2023 Labor Day Picnic.

Billy Bowman shared his report of the Meet & Greet with Dr. Tam. It was definitely a big success with several important people who also attended. They include Representative Gray; Beebe Director of Patient Experience, Jeannie Briley-Wallo; Beebe Spanish Interpreter Alina Ferrer; Feta Fernsler, President of Delaware Association of the Deaf; & the Interpreting Coordinator, Chuck Thomas.

Billy Bowman has not received the confirmations from State of Delaware Council of Individuals with Disabilities and POA, Living Will, Financial Planning for their upcoming workshop presentation yet.

5. Unfinished Business

Barbara White moved that we set up a scholarship for deaf students who need to financial support to attend college programs. Jay Innes seconded. Passed. Sherry Duhon and Barbara White will develop a mission for the scholarship fund. The fundraising projects will be just for the scholarship fund.

6. New Business

There was some discussion about raising the membership dues. Billy Bowman suggested that we do research on the membership dues increase to support the argument. Maybe we need to look up into grant writing to receive funding.

Barbara Simpson shared some ideas on how DDSC could do fundraising projects. Examples include Deaf Expo at Millville Community Center at Evans Park, Spaghetti Dinner, Wine Tasting Gathering, BBQ Cookout, Good Earth Theatre Dinner, and Black Culture workshop, etc.

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.