

Minutes of the DDSC Meeting
May 18, 2023
Evans Park Community Center at Millville, DE
(39 Attendees)

The meeting was called to order by President Allen Talbert at 10:05am.

President Allen Talbert wanted us to start with the elections. Dennise Scott, one of the nomination committee members, led the elections.

Election of Officers

Allen Talbert was nominated for the position as DDSC President. Billy Bowman (Paul Haring) moved to elect Allen Talbert as DDSC president by ACL. Passed.

Mark Alford and Barbara Simpson were nominated for the position as DDSC Vice President. We had a discussion. Margaret Buyas (Billy Bowman) moved to close the discussion and to vote. Passed. Based on the close votes, Mark Alford won the majority of votes to be DDSC Vice President.

Mary Ann Richmond was nominated for the position as DDSC Secretary. Fred Hartman (Margaret Buyas) moved to elect Mary Ann Richmond as DDSC Secretary by ACL. Passed.

Paul Haring was nominated for the position as DDSC Treasurer. Fred Hartman (Mary Ann Richmond) moved to elect Paul Haring as DDSC Treasurer by ACL. Passed.

Approval of Minutes

Billy Bowman (Jerry Buyas) moved to approve these corrections for the minutes for December 15, 2022 and March 16, 2023 to fill in the blank with Mark Alford's name as the person who moved to approve the minutes for December 15, 2022 as read and Billy Bowman's name as the person who moved to approve the minutes for March 16, 2023 as read. Passed.

Dennise Scott (Jerry Buyas) moved to approve the minutes for April 20, 2023 moved to approve the minutes as read with correction to the date of DDSC Appreciation Day to be held on June 15, 2023 . Passed.

Officers Report

President

Meeting Dates for the Fall

President Allen Talbert will inform us of the meeting dates after he makes reservations to use the Evans Park Community Center for our future meetings.

DDSC Appreciation Day Picnic June 15, 2023

Billy Bowman's committee is working on organizing this event. President Allen Talbert reminded us to pay our membership dues of 2 dollars to be able to participate in this event.

Bethany Beach Chamber of Commerce

DDSC has paid \$200 to become an affiliated organization member. President Allen Talbert mentioned he will need 3 or 4 volunteers to attend the Membership 101 to learn about the communication connections with other organizations in addition to what their plans for this year.

It is an important collaboration for DDSC to assist us with spreading the words regarding our future events to raise money.

Backdrop Banner

President Allen Talbert explained we will need one or two banners to be used as a display for our future events such as Pickleball Tournament and Deaf Fest. We need to discuss and make plans during our new business.

Vice President

No report

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

Treasurer Paul Haring gave his financial report for April 2023. Jerry Buyas (Margaret Buyas) moved to approve the DDSC financial report for April 2023. Passed.

Standing/Special Committees

Student Support Committee

Barbara White shared the reason for the change in the name of this committee from Scholarship Fund to Student Support to allow us to provide support for the deaf and hard of hearing children in Delaware.

Barbara White reported that the Student Support Committee was successful this year in raising funds for two projects:

a) The holiday gift giving project raised \$1,000 from the membership to provide \$40 Target gift cards to students at the Delaware School for the Deaf. b) We received a request from the Delaware School for the Deaf to help send one of their students to the Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) in Oregon this summer. The cost to the student would be \$3,500 plus airfare. We were able to raise \$1,000 towards that effort.

We hope to continue our holiday drive and include both residential and mainstream schools to benefit deaf and hard of hearing students. The Deaf Fest should raise more funds for the Student Support fund as well so we can continue giving to this worthwhile cause.

Pickleball at the Beach Tournament July 15-16, 2023

Sherry Duhon, chair of this tournament, shared the updates for this tournament with us:

- 53 players registered.
- Need volunteers, contact Dennise Scott, chair of the volunteer committee if interested to be a volunteer.
- Shared what she had learned from the recent pickleball tournament at Westminster, MD. They sell foods for breakfast and lunch. She would like for us to do the same to sell food.
- Plan B if it rains on Saturday, July 15th, the tournament will be held the next day as a one day tournament.

Deaf Fest September 23, 2023

Barbara Simpson, chair of Deaf Fest event, brought us up to date for this event:

- 13 vendors, she will do a follow up on those who have not responded to her.
- Have some sponsors and still need to find more sponsors.
- Paid JJ Jones for his mime performance.
- Shared Deaf Fest flyers with the vendors at the ASL Festival last Saturday.

- Thanked Carla and her committee for their work to get donations.
- Thanked Barbara White for her public relations work to inform the different community organizations such as the police department, chamber of commerce and local newspapers of this event.

DDSC Appreciation Day Event June 15, 2023

Billy Bowman, chair of this event, informed us of what's happening with this annual event:

- He will find out if there is an available pavilion to reserve at John West Park.
- There will be a corn hole tournament.
- He has two members volunteering to be the chefs.

Workshop Graph Survey Results

Billy Bowman shared a powerpoint presentation of the workshop/activities survey results based on 40 responses.

- He will prioritize and plan workshops/activities based on the results of the survey.
- Thanked Rosemary Balzer for her work to create the survey.

Old Business

None

New Business

Backdrop Banner

President Allen showed several banners of different designs with the DDSC logo.

Billy Bowman (Jerry Buyas) moved to have a committee of 3 to 5 members to work on determining which design and how many banner(s) to purchase.

Passed.

Announcements

- Parent Information Center (PIC) offers a learning community opportunity scheduled for June 6th at 12pm. Parents of children who are deaf and hard of hearing will share their stories via Zoom. Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7107041641> https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtc-qorzsiH9W5YaEnYNwm5-Udh95td0G_#/registration
Pass on this information with who we think will be interested.

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- Delaware Telecommunication Relay Service Advisory Committee Meeting
This Zoom meeting is accessible with sign language interpreters and live captioning. The DVR conference room has a zoom availability on their screen. When: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Time: 10am - 12pm

Zoom link: [https://sprint.zoom.us/j/88006568515?](https://sprint.zoom.us/j/88006568515?pwd=V2J3UFRNckpsTUVuZkcyUElzc3ZXdz09)

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Location: Division of Vocational rehabilitation

Conference Meeting Room, 3rd Floor

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- For the 50/50 Raffle- Jim Caddell won.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Richmond, DDSC Secretary