

Minutes of the DDSC Meeting
September 13, 2023
Evans Park Community Center at Millville, DE
(36 Attendees)

Call to order by the Vice President

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Alford at 10:17 am. President Allen Talbert was unable to attend the meeting.

Reading/Correction/Approval of Minutes

Billy Bowman (Barbara Simpson) moved to approve the minutes written for the meeting held on May 18, 2023. Passed.

Vice President's Report

Mark Alford shared these reminders:

- DDSC general meeting dates: October 11th, November 8th and December 6th.
- The membership fee has increased to \$5 starting this year from September 2023 through August 2024.

Labor Day Picnic 2024

- We need someone to become the chairperson for the next DDSC Labor Day Picnic in 2024, and to reserve John West Park for our next Labor Day picnic.

DSD 5k Run & Walk Fundraiser

- DDSC received a request to support DSD's Language Access 5k Run & Walk fundraiser on October 15, 2023. We need to make a motion if we want to support this fundraiser.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Paul Haring went through the monthly balance, revenues and expenses for these months: June through August 2023. The reports were audited by Mike Childs and Jeff Leach.

Paul will make some changes to his reports to keep the budget for each event, PickleBall Tournament and Deaf Fest, separate and share the final budget for them.

Standing/Special Committee Reports

DDSC Appreciation Day Picnic- June 15, 2023

Billy Bowman mentioned the DDSC Appreciation Day picnic started in 2016. We had 48 attendees for this event last June. We need a chairperson for our next DDSC Appreciation Day picnic.

Pickleball at the Beach Tournament- July 15-16 , 2023

Billy Bowman shared the results of this fundraiser, the Pickle Ball at the Beach tournament:

-Successful fundraiser in spite of the rain on Sunday, the 16th, which had forced us to cancel late in the morning for the remaining part of the tournament. -Still working on the budget, raised approximately \$4,400.

-The Pickleball at the Beach had reduced the rental fee from \$1,500 to \$850. -Next tournament dates at this place, Pickleball at the Beach in Ocean Pines, MD, will be May 4th and 5th, 2024.

-Sent letters of appreciation to our sponsors.

Labor Day Picnic- September 3, 2023

Billy Bowman thanked the committee for their work to make this a wonderful event. He also thanked Dick Moore for taking the group pictures.

Workshops

Billy Bowman informed us that we will have a workshop next month focusing on the Medicare 101 and Open Season. It will be a two hour session. He will create a flier and share it with us.

The other workshops in the near future are: Delaware Relay and T-Mobile. He wants to know whether we want to have the workshops held on the same day when we schedule our general meetings or to have them conducted on separate days.

Deaf Fest 2023- September 23, 2023

Barbara Simpson, chair of Deaf Fest, gave us the updates for this festival:

-Committees have been working hard to prepare for the festival.

- 30+ vendors, they can come as early as 8am on that day.
- Need more baked goods for the bake sale.
- The proceeds from this event will go to the DDSC Student Support fund. -Need help with setting up on Friday, September 22, at 1pm and with the clean up on Saturday, the 23rd, at 3pm.
- Recognized these people for their hard work: Suz Dennis, Sherry Duhon, Mary Edwards, James Floyd, Carla Hanyzewski, Jeff Leach and Barbara White. Carla Hanyzewski, chair of the silent auction, informed us that we have 24 baskets for the silent auction, and the silent auction will run three different times, presenting only 8 baskets for each session from 10-10:45am, 11-11:45am and 1-1:45pm. She will use text to announce the winner, the winner must be present to pay and get the basket. Suz Dennis has secured interpreters, and they will be around to assist with communication.

DDSC Website- Joe Stanislow

Joe Stanislow shared briefly about his background as an Information Technology (IT) professor at NTID/RIT. He is the DDSC webmaster. He has been working on cleaning up and updating the DDSC website.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Barbara White (Linda Lytle) moved that DDSC to provide monetary support for the DSD 5k Run & Walk fundraiser on October 15, 2023 by giving \$500. Passed.

Jay Innes (Dick Moore) moved for the board to write guidelines for giving. Norma Buemi (Doreen Moore) moved to amend the motion for the board to write guidelines after collecting input from the members. Passed.

Announcements

Norma Buemi informed us she has decided to leave the health care committee after being involved for more than 20 years. She has seen some changes, more awareness of the needs of the Deaf, hard of hearing and Deaf-Blind in the healthcare system. Barbara White is still involved on this committee.

Barbara Simpson reminded us to bring our old glasses and hearing aids to the Lions Club

during the Deaf Fest event.

Billy Bowman shared the exciting news regarding the birth of President Allen Talbert and his wife, Lisa Jacobs' second grandchild.

50/50 Raffle

Mike Childs won the 50/50 raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51am.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Ann Richmond, DDSC Secretary