

DDSC Meeting
Evans Park Community Center
Wednesday October 11, 2023
(32 attendees)

Note: Workshop about Medicare 101 & Medicare Open Enrollment postponed to the next meeting in November due to no interpreters available.

Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Allen Talbert at 10:18am.

Reading/Correction/Approval of Minutes

Secretary - Mary Ann Richmond

Barbara White (Mike Childs) moved to accept the minutes for September 13, 2023 as read. Passed.

Officers' Reports

President Allen Talbert

-Guidelines for Giving

Mark Alford will cover this in his report.

-Labor Day Picnic Reservation for 2024

According to Gordon Bergan, Carla Hanyzewski will assist with making the reservation.

-Recognition of Norma's services on Beebe Healthcare and Communication Access committee

President Allen wanted us to recognize and show our gratitude for

Norma Buemi's dedication serving on this committee for more than 20 years. Barbara White stepped up and shared her appreciation of Norma Buemi's work since she is serving on this committee.

-Ten Year Celebration of DDSC (2025)

Let's start thinking about what we want to do to celebrate DDSC's 10th year of existence during the year of 2025.

-Coffee and Danish

Do we want to start serving refreshments during the meetings? Share your feedback with the board members.

Vice President - Mark Alford

Ad Hoc Committee Guidelines for Giving

We, the board, are working on contacting DDSC members to join the ad hoc committee focusing on writing guidelines for giving. Joey DeLusant, Bonnie Goben, Jay Innes and Linda Lytle have accepted to serve on this committee.

Clarification from Jay Innes- The purpose for writing the guidelines for giving is to make sure we align with the IRS rules. And to revisit the rules we created in the past to give money to deaf centered purposes.

Treasurer - Paul Haring

President Allen shared and explained the monthly treasurer report for Treasurer Paul Haring who was unable to attend the meeting. Rosemary Balzer (Lin Grossinger) moved to accept the report. Passed.

Standing/Special Committees Report

Deaf Fest '23 Chairperson Barbara Simpson

-New date: Nov. 11th

-We have some vendors who decided to back out. We will contact more vendors. Marion Delusant, chairperson coordinating the vendors, informed us that we have 28 vendors who have confirmed they will come.

-Local police and their K-9 dog have confirmed they will be able to come. We need to find out if the fire dept and Beebe mobile healthcare van will be able to come.

-Need help with the set up and clean up

-Chamber of Commerce will share the new date.

-Sherry Duhon will take care of contacting and getting food trucks to come to the event.

Unfinished Business

Medicare 101 Workshop

Billy Bowman had this website: Department of Insurance, Delaware Medicare Assistance Bureau page shown on the screen. He explained why we did not have the Medicare 101 workshop held this morning. The person who was supposed to conduct this workshop informed Billy Bowman that he did not have interpreters available and offered to conduct the workshop via Zoom. Billy canceled the workshop since it requires time to coordinate the logistics to have the workshop conducted through Zoom. We can go to this webpage to learn more about Medicare: Delaware Medicare Assistance Bureau

<https://insurance.delaware.gov/divisions/dmab/>

New Business

Billy Bowman (Jay Innes) moved to amend the motion to create an ad hoc committee to write guidelines on giving to expand it to include deciding who to give and who makes the decision. Passed.

For the Board to discuss: Barbara White wants us to figure out who will keep checking and sharing the info about open captioning movies. Jay Innes complimented Barbara White for her work to keep us informed when there is an open captioning movie at ClaytonTheater.

Discussion about the Treasurer's reports. Wait until our treasurer, Paul Haring, is present in the meeting next month. Hold this discussion until next month.

Sherry Duhon (Margaret Buyas) moved to close the new business. Passed.

Announcements

Billy Bowman shared his conversation with the House of Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester's assistant about how to get grant money and to invite her to come and talk with us. She has the experience of getting grants from the government. Her assistant had informed Billy that we must come up with a rationale/purpose for getting grant money to create a specific service. Something for us to think about and to bring up during the new business during one of our future general meetings. We need to think about what programs or services we want to create that require money.

Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 11:20am.