

DDSC Meeting
Evans Park Community Center
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Attendance: 31

Prior to the DDSC meeting Billy Bowman conducted a workshop on Medicare 101. The open season will end on December 7,2023. To get more information and manage our account, we can go to these links: [socialsecurity.gov](https://www.ssa.gov), [login.gov](https://www.login.gov), [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov), [ID.me](https://www.ID.me) and <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/manage>.

Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Allen Talbert at 11:50am.

Reading/Correction/Approval of Minutes

Jeff Leach (Nancy Caddell) moved to accept the minutes for October 11, 2023 as read. Passed.

Officers' Reports

President Allen Talbert

-Guidelines for Giving

We had a meeting, the ad hoc committee focusing on creating guidelines for giving. Mark is the chair of the committee and will share what we have decided to do.

-Ten years celebration of DDSC (2025)

We are approaching the 10 years of having this organization, DDSC. Do we want to do something special?

-Pickleball Tournament 2024

Do we want to host a pickleball tournament next year? We need to bring it up during the new business.

-Token of Appreciation for Ocean Pines Racquet Center?

This organization, the Ocean Pines Pickleball and Tennis, gave us a good deal on using their pickleball courts. We should send a monetary gift to them to show our appreciation for their support.

-Token of Appreciation for Mariner's Bethel Church?

The Mariner's Bethel Church had graciously supported our Deaf Fest by allowing us to use their hall. We want to give the church a token of appreciation to show our gratitude by giving them some money.

-Holiday Dinner/Party

President Allen Talbert asked for information for this event. Sherry Duhon came up and informed us that we will get details from the chair for this party from Dennise Scott. It will be on December 7th at Cripple Creek Country Club.

-DDSC Meeting in January and February 2024

President Allen Talbert will not be able to attend the meetings in January and February 2024. Vice president Mark Alford will preside over the meetings for these months.

-Do we want to change the DDSC meeting day from Wednesdays to Mondays or Thursdays?

Some of the members have requested for the change of the meeting day from Wednesdays to Mondays or Thursdays. We need to discuss and make the decision during the new business.

-Chairperson for Labor Day Picnic

We need a volunteer to chair the next Labor Day Picnic. Please let him, President Allen Talbert, know if any of you are interested.

- Student Support Fund / Holiday Gifts for DSD Students

We have given \$20 holiday gift cards to some DSD students based on the DSD administrators' assessment of their needs last year. Do we want to do it again this year? This needs to be discussed during the new business.

Vice President - Mark Alford

-Creating Guidelines for Giving Ad Hoc Committee Work

Vice President Mark Alford, shared the work of this ad hoc committee focusing on creating guidelines for giving. We had a meeting, it was a productive one. We agreed to have additional guidance written and/or tweaking the language in some parts of the DDSC ByLaws instead of creating separate guidelines for giving. He showed us the examples of proposed new wordings to be added to the DDSC ByLaws. The proposed new language will need to be examined by a ByLaw committee before presenting them to the members for their approval. The next step is to create a ByLaw committee.

He explained that the DDSC BYLaws allow the DDSC board to give up to \$1000 without the approval of the members. However, we, the board members, have agreed to spend up to \$500 without the members' approval and to inform them afterwards.

Treasurer - Paul Haring

Treasurer Paul Haring shared and explained the treasurer's report for the month of September. Billy Bowman (Dick Moore) moved to accept the report. Passed.

Treasurer Paul Haring also shared and explained the treasurer's report for October. Deirdre Burchette (Margaret Buyas) moved to approve the report. Passed.

Standing/Special committees Report

Deaf Fest '23 - November 11, 2023

Barbara White asked for help with the set up on Friday, Nov. 10th from 1-3pm and with the clean up after the Deaf Fest at 3pm. She asked for the committee members to show up between 8-10am.

To bring baked goods for the bake sale on Friday between 1-3pm to give Mary Edwards time to set them up.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Sherry Duhon (Patsy Bowman) moved for DDSC to host the second PickleBall tournament during the weekend of September 14, 2024 at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center in Ocean Pines, MD. Passed.

Billy Bowman wanted to recognize the hard work of Sherry Duhon, the chair of the 2023 PickleBall tournament, and the committees to host the tournament last July. The total amount of the proceeds from hosting this tournament is \$4,996. The proceeds will go to the DDSC general fund.

Linda Lytle (Jay Innes) moved to allow DDSC to spend up to \$2,000 from the Deaf Fest '23 proceeds to be used to purchase \$25 holiday gift cards for the DSD and Sussex County Deaf students who the administrators have chosen based on the students' needs. Passed.

Gordon Bergan (Doreen Moore) moved to change the meeting day from Wednesdays to Mondays. Passed.

Billy Bowman (Carla Hanyzewski) moved for DDSC to create a committee led by Jeff Leach to come up with formats for the treasurer reports. Passed.

Announcements

Sherry Duhon shared more details regarding the Holiday Dinner/Party on December 7th. It will be from 5-9pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm. It will be \$38 per person. Dennise Scott will share the flier with us on WhatsApp.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm.

50/50 Raffle

50/50 Raffle Winners: Mike and Nancy Childs

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Ann Richmond, DDSC Secretary