

DDSC Meeting
August 21, 2025
Evans Park Community Center
Attendance: 29

Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Staehle called the meeting to order at 10:22am.

Reading/Correction/Approval of Minutes

May 15, 2025 minutes need to be read, corrected if needed and approved. Dennise Scott moved to approve the meeting minutes for May 15, 2025 as read. Approved.

Officers' Reports

President- Dave Staehle

Agenda

1. Crab Festival- Find a Crab Festival for us to go together
2. Tablecloth with DDSC Logo
3. Social Event Coordinator- Do we want to create this position?

President Dave Staehle encouraged members to register for these events:

- Labor Day Picnic (Close to 60 people have paid to attend this event.)
- Pickleball Tournament at the Beach (54 players have registered.)
- 10th Anniversary Banquet (18 people paid to attend this event.)

President Dave Staehle wanted to thank the former administration, former DDSC President Allen Talbert and his team for their work.

Vice President- Fred Hartman

Vice President Fred Hartman was asked to review the DDSC bylaws. He found the layout of the bylaws were not organized and needed the proper alignment. Former President Allen Talbert informed Fred Hartman that he has the bylaws in proper order.

Secretary- Mary Ann Richmond

No report

Treasurer- Paul Haring

Treasurer Paul Haring went through the May, June and July financial reports with us.

The May and June Treasurer's reports were audited by Eric Beer and Jeff Leach. The July Treasurer's report audited by Billy Bowman and Jeff Leach.

Standing/Special Committee's Report

-Labor Day Picnic, Chair Jerry Cohen

Jerry Cohen shared the plans for the Labor Day Picnic. It will start at 11am. They will serve vegetables as appetizers in the beginning. The cornhole tournament starts at 11:30 am. He mentioned there may be monetary prizes for the winners of the cornhole tournament. As for the DINGO game, he is not sure if they will have 3 or 4 rounds. He needs volunteers to set up grilling chicken and clean up. He will order cookie trays. If the weather forecast for that day calls for rain, he will cancel the event and give money back to people who have paid to attend the picnic. He will let them know two days in advance.

-Pickleball at the Beach Tournament, Asst. Chair Rosemary Balzer

Rosemary Balzer shared what the committee has been working on. She thanked Richard Simpson who worked on having three food trucks to come to the tournament. She mentioned that Scott McIndoe is working for us as our IT person to make sure the technology is going smooth during the tournament. She informed us that Mary Ann Richmond worked to get six sponsors (Purple/Z, ASL Connections, Parsons Farms, Clayton Theater, Redner's and Salted Vines), and she helped with designing the sponsor banner. She needs 15 volunteers to help run the tournament for each day. There are 12 courts. Billy Bowman is selected to be the tournament director.

Rosemary Balzer wants someone to coordinate the Deaf Night Out (DNO) on Friday night, September 19th, the day before the pickleball tournament at Fenwick Inn Roof Top restaurant.

-DDSC 10th Anniversary Banquet, Lisa Jacobs and Mary Ann Richmond

Lisa Jacobs and Mary Ann Richmond shared what the committee had discussed whether to keep the original date, Oct 16th, or combine it with the holiday event on December 4th. The committee decided to keep the original date. One of the co-chair, Dennis Munn, will not be able to attend if we change the date to December 4th. We want to encourage members to register to attend this special event to celebrate DDSC's 10 year anniversary.

-Workshop on Sept 4th, Workshop Committee Chair, Billy Bowman

One of the workshop committee members, Martha Sheridan, worked on getting this workshop on September 4th organized. She

contacted Kim Bianco Majeri to come and talk with us about these things: health care planning, key legal documents and what's happening in DC politically that can affect us, as senior citizens.

Billy Bowman plans to contact the local AARP and Dept. of Aging to ask them to come and talk about topics that we may be interested in.

Billy Bowman shared the possibility of having these people who were involved in the Deaf President Now (DPN): Greg Hlibok, Bridgetta Bourne-Firl, Phil Bravin and I. King Jordan to come and talk with us. It is the DPN 30th year anniversary this year.

Billy Bowman wants to know where we would like to go if he plans a day trip. He wants us to contact him and let him know of our interests.

Billy Bowman wants for the workshop committee to develop a manual to help the committee with planning and decision making.

-Student Support Committee, Chair Linda Lytle

Linda Lytle shared with us that her committee had asked the DDSC board to approve giving money to an Arts Camp to fund 12 deaf/hard of hearing students(\$75 per student, \$900 in total). The DDSC board approved and sent the money to the Arts Camp. She went to the Arts Camp with Sherry Duhon and Barbara White to observe and see where our money went. The director of the Arts Camp gave them a tour. They got to see two out of four deaf/hard of hearing campers (the missing campers were out on that day). The Arts Camp used all the money to pay for four deaf/hard of hearing campers and two interpreters. It is a one week day camp. She took some pictures. The pictures will be shared during our next meeting on September 18th. Note: She received permission to share the pictures from the teacher and campers' parents.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Barbara White moved (Billy Bowman) for us to purchase a tablecloth with the DDSC logo. Passed. Mary Ann Richmond (Dennise Scott) moved to amend the motion (Dennise) to purchase table cloth and table top display of DDSC logo. Passed.

Dennise Scott (Jerry Cohen) moved for DDSC to have a PO box to have all DDSC mail sent to the PO box instead of sending mail to one of the officer's residences. Passed.

Rosemary Balzer (Shahryr Shilati) moved to have the DDSC 10th Year Anniversary Banquet open to non-members. We do not have many people registered to attend this event. Passed. Jay Innes (Shahryr Shilati) amended the motion to increase the cost for nonmembers to attend the banquet, \$40 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. Passed.

Eric Beer (Jerry Cohen) moved to make a donation to Beebe Healthcare System. Fred Hartman (Billy Bowman) moved to table this motion to do further investigation. Passed.

Billy Bowman (Jay Innes) moved to have the adhoc DDSC healthcare committee focus on different healthcare systems other than Beebe Healthcare System. Jerry Cohen (Dennise Scott) moved to table the motion. Passed.

Announcements

Barbara White asked us to share stories with her and Mary Ann Richmond related to healthcare services through the Beebe Healthcare system. She wanted both positive and challenging experiences. She needs documentation to share with the Beebe Healthcare Patient and Family

Advisory Council (PFAC).

Fred Hartman informed us that he had set up a designated DDSC email for the president of DDSC and assigned it to Dave Staehle. He offered to do the same for Barbara White.

Barbara White is interested and wants Fred Hartman to set up a DDSC designated email address for her focusing on healthcare topics. Dennise Scott suggested for Barbara White to conduct a survey like she had done in the past.

Loretta Sarro explained what she had done when she was a public officer working for DODHH. Her duties were to share information. She was not allowed to be involved politically while working for DODHH.

-Next DDSC meeting: September 18th at 10am

-Future DDSC meeting dates and times: Oct. 14th, Nov. 20th and December 18th. All three meetings start at 1 pm.

Adjournment of the Meeting

Billy Bowman (Dick Moore) moved to adjourn the meeting. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Announce 50/50 raffle winner: John Padden \$15 He donated his winning money to DDSC.