

**DDSC Meeting**  
**October 14, 2025**  
**Evans Park Community Center**  
**Attendance: 27**

**Call to Order**

President Dave Staehle called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

**Reading/Correction/Approval of Minutes**

Billy Bowman (Mike Childs) moved to approve the corrected minutes for the meeting on August 21, 2025 as read. Passed.

**Officers' Reports**

**President-** Dave Staehle

President Dave Staehle presented the agenda for our meeting.

1. Delaware Association of the Deaf (DAD) requested monetary support to help them defray the costs of providing lunch during their statewide meeting on Nov.15 from 12:30 to 4:30pm.
2. Do we want to have a pickleball tournament next year?

**Vice President-** Fred Hartman

Vice President Fred Hartman was unable to attend the meeting.

**Secretary-** Mary Ann Richmond

- Indian River High School ASL teacher Courtney Farbman is seeking volunteers to come to her ASL class to meet her students.

## **Treasurer- Paul Haring**

Treasurer Paul Haring was unable to attend the meeting, so President Dave Staehle reviewed the treasurer's reports for August and September.

Jeffrey Leach and Shahryar Shilati were the auditors for August treasurer's report and Jerald Cohen and Jeffrey Leach for September treasurer's report.

## **Standing/Special Committee's Report**

### **-Labor Day Picnic, Chair Jerald Cohen**

- 104 people attended the Labor Day Picnic.
- He shared the attendees' feedback.

### **-Pickleball at the Beach Tournament, Chair Dave Staehle**

- 67 players registered on Saturday and 40 players came on Sunday.
- DDSC raised about four thousand dollars.
- He shared feedback from the players.

### **DDSC 10th Anniversary Banquet, Co- Chair Mike Childs**

- 60 attendees
- Everything is ready for the banquet

### **DDSC Holiday Party- Sherry Duhon**

- Should we change the venue for our annual holiday party because the Cripple Creek Country Club increased the

price per person to \$58?

### **Student Support Committee- Sherry Duhon**

- DDSC had funded four deaf students' expenses to attend the arts camp including three interpreters. The pictures of them were shown at the arts camp.
- DDSC also provided a scholarship for a deaf mainstream student to attend the ASL Camp at Gallaudet University last summer (July 2025).

### **Workshop Chair- Billy Bowman**

Billy Bowman thanked Fred Hartman and Martha Sheridan for their work to organize the workshops (Ben Bahan, Steve Hlibok and Kim Bianco Majeri).

He shared the potential workshop and activity:

- Funeral planning by Melson Funeral home He will find a date to have this workshop held next month. We will pay for interpreting service.
- Harriett Tubman Underground Railroad Tour We will have a Deaf tour guide, his name is Raymond Merritt. Looking at these potential dates: November 7th or 14th. It will be free. Plan for 4-5 hours including lunch.
- Deaf President Now panel in Spring 2026

## **DDSC's Representative serving on Delaware Deaf Association Board- Martha Sheridan**

- DAD will have an annual statewide meeting in Dover on November 15th. Free lunch for attendees.
- DAD president Feta Fernsler and Vice President Keith Robertson worked to push to have the Equipment Distribution Program (EDP) bill passed into law.
- Christina Feil who worked for the Delaware Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DODHH) is working full time to oversee this program, EDP, and DODHH.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Barbara Stanislow (Jerald Cohen) moved for DDSC to give \$150 to Delaware Association of the Deaf (DAD) to defray the cost for the luncheon. Passed.

Billy Bowman (Denis Munn) moved for us to host a pickleball tournament next year. Passed.

Sherry Duhon (Carla Hanyzewski) moved for DDSC to have our holiday party held at the Vista rooftop. Passed. Jay Innes (Joey DeLusant) amended the motion to let the DDSC holiday committee to plan a DNO style holiday party. Passed.

Mark Alford (Eddy Burchette) moved to close the new business. Passed.

## **Announcements**

Patsy Bowman was one of the three DDSC representatives who manned the DDSC booth during the recent health fair in Ocean View on October 4th (Linda Lytle and Barbara White).

Jay Innes thanked Eddie and Deirdre Burchette for their work to host the DNO and organize the Lewes Legends Tours for us on October 2nd, 2025.

Mike Childs announced the next Deaf Night Out (DNO) will be held at the Salted Rim on October 30th. Meet at 3 pm.

President Staehle adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Richmond, DDSC Secretary