

DDSC Meeting
December 18, 2025
Evans Park Community Center
Attendance: 27

Call to Order

President Dave Staehle called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm.

Reading/Correction/Approval of Minutes

November 20, 2025 minutes need to be read, corrected if needed and approved.

Jeff Leach (Louis Lapidus) moved to approve the minutes as read.

Approved.

Officers' Reports

President- Dave Staehle

Agenda

1. List of Chairs for All standing committees and DAD Board Representative serving for the new year- 2026:
 - Appreciation Day Cookout- Board
 - DAD Board Representative- Martha Sheridan
 - Labor Day Cookout- Jerry Cohen
 - Pickleball Tournament- Jay Innes
 - Holiday Celebration- Jean Koch and Mary Ann Richmond
 - Student Support- Linda Lytle
 - Workshop- Billy Bowman
2. Lefty's Giving Tuesday Celebration Party and Donation of \$500
3. \$100 for ASL Connection (Interpreting Service)
4. Draft Budget for 2026
5. Potential Places for Our Monthly Meetings in 2026
 - \$125 per month/one event to use the Evans Park Community Center, \$250 deposit to cover a 6 month period and proof of having liability insurance.
 - The rent for a room at the town hall is free of charge, a deposit of \$100 and liability insurance for each event/meeting.

- The firehall next to the town hall has a room upstairs with 55 seats with an elevator. Free of charge to rent with a deposit of \$50 and proof of having liability insurance.
- DDSC schedules monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month from 1-4 pm in the winter, spring and fall and from 10 am to 1 pm in the summer.
- Our next meeting in January will be on January 15th from 1 to 4 pm at the firehall.

Vice President- Fred Hartman

1. Liability insurance: Vice President Fred Hartman will do investigative work to find a good liability insurance for DDSC to purchase to cover for all of DDSC events.

Secretary- Mary Ann Richmond

1. Thank you letters for Lefty's, Bruce White and ASL Connections

Treasurer- Paul Haring

1. Financial reports for October and November 2025 audited by Mike Childs and Jeff Leach.
2. Final financial reports for different events:
 - Labor Day Cookout audited by Mike Childs and Jeff Leach.
 - Pickleball Tournament audited by Mike Childs and Jeff Leach.
 - 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner audited by Mike Childs and Jeff Leach.
3. Treasurer's Assistant - Keith Worek

Standing/Special Committee's Report

Holiday Ugly Sweater DNO Chairs, Sherry Duhon and Lisa Jacobs

- Thanking us for showing up with our ugly sweaters. We have donated \$1,400 towards the student support fund.

Student Support Committee Chair, Linda Lytle

- Thanking us for our generous donations of \$1,400 towards the student support fund to cover the costs to purchase gift cards

(\$1,480) in for the Delaware School for the Deaf students.

Workshop Committee Chair, Billy Bowman

- Online survey: The workshop committee had tweaked the survey they used two or three years ago by adding the other to the multiple choices to each section to allow us to write what we want that are not listed. They need to add a deadline to the survey, then he will ask Secretary Mary Ann Richmond to share the survey with the members via email.

-DAD Affiliate Board Representative, Martha Sheridan

- Two town halls to collect feedback to help DAD develop priorities. The first one will be held at Lewes Library on Dec. 20th at 11:30 am, and the second one will be held on January 10th at 2 pm at Bear library.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

Beth Benedict (Patsy Bowman) moved the Deaf Night Out (DNO) events to be run by DDSC. Passed.

Announcements

Barbara White shared the information for the MyChart training- Jan 13th on Tuesday at 1pm. It will be held at the Cancer Center.

Barbara White showed us the DDSC tablecloth she ordered for us.

Announce 50/50 raffle winner

Winner- Barbara White She donated her winnings of \$36 to DDSC. She

requested for her winning of \$36 to go to the student support fund. The remaining pot of \$36 goes to the general fund.

Adjournment of the Meeting

Mark Alford (Jeff Leach) moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Richmond