DDSC Meeting
May 21, 2026
Millville Town Hall

Attendance:
Call to Order
Reading/Correction/Approval of Minutes
April 16, 2026 meeting minutes need to be read, corrected if needed and approved. Richard Simpson (Barbara Simpson) approved.
Call to order: 1:07pm

Officers' Reports
President- Dave Staehle

Agenda/Updates

1. Appreciation Day Picnic: Thursday May 28th, 55 people signed up, we ordered subs, salad, water, and dessert. A corn hole tournament will be held for $5 cash. Lou Volpintesta will chair. The board will consider plan B if it rains.
2. Labor Day Picnic Update – Jerry Cohen mentioned he withdrew as Chair; I told him to find a replacement within his committee. If no one comes forward, the board will select a new Chair.
3. DDSC Website – will discuss updates at the next meeting.
4. ASL Roundtable – DSD is asking for support from both DDSC.

Vice President- Fred Hartman

1. DDSC Liability Insurance - We are considering adding insurance to cover D&O (directors and officers), in addition to our general insurance. I plan to set up an ad hoc committee to investigate adding D & O insurance, which will be more costly but may be technically wise.

2. DDSC website – it needs to upgrade because sponsors may check its website to obtain some information and to continue supporting DDSC. DDSC is seeking a web designer - it may be costly but we feel it is necessary. An attractive model is the Maryland Deaf Seniors Citizens website.

Secretary- Mary Ann Richmond - Absent (Barbara White as substitute)

A Lutheran Church in Seaford is seeking ASL instructors to offer ASL classes at their church. Mary Ann can follow up to see exactly what they are asking DDSC for.

Treasurer- Paul Haring

1. Financial report for April 2026 audited by Mike Childs and Jeff Leach. We are growing with 88 members. As of April 30 we have $18,735.61 Total expenses were $638.99 (includes 990 IRS filing, liability insurance and start up cost for pickleball tournament).

Standing/Special Committee's Reports

DAD Board Affiliate Representative- Martha Sheridan
No report.

There was discussion about whether the various activities we support should be in the monthly report or wait until the event is over and then report the net proceeds and expenses. Every event has a chairperson who will be responsible for overseeing the funds then report to the treasurer. This way it will show transparency and match the final audit.

Deaf Night Out - Beth Benedict and Becky Hartman

Ocean View Brewery (OVB) is hosting a fundraiser for DDSC on June 3. Ten percent of all proceeds from the sales that day will be given to DDSC. Please ask your own communities to attend to support DDSC. Sherry Duhon's granddaughter will work there this summer and uses ASL.

Each event will declare what the "cause" is for the fundraising (i.e. scholarship fund, pickleball tournament, interpreters, etc.)

August 20th – Rock the Boat, 24 people already signed up. This is the DNO on the Lewes-Cape May Ferry that has been very popular for the past two years.

September 18 – DNO will be at The Landing Bar and Grill, Plantation Lakes, Millsboro .

Holiday Dinner- Jean Koch and Mary Ann Richmond – no report

Labor Day Picnic Committee- Jerry Cohen (no replacement is found) – no report

Pickleball Tournament Committee- Jay Innes

Jay Innes is Chairperson of the tournament being held at the Clayton Elementary School September 18-19th. Most everything is set up, and there are chairs for each aspect of the tournament (registration, technology, clean up, set up, etc.) Each leader will pick volunteers. This will be the fourth year DDSC has sponsored the tournament. One issue that comes up every year: we ask the same sponsors over and over again. We need to establish relationships with other entities to sponsor. The committee is considering a corn hole tournament to happen simultaneously on the grounds of the school. This may attract more participants. We need to research whether liability insurance covers both events. We need to encourage our own members to register.

Student Support Committee- Linda Lytle
We have made an announcement about the scholarship fund in the *Coastal Point* newspaper (they published it for three weeks in a row). We have networked with DSD and Indian River School District, but we have not received applications for summer camp or other activities. As a non-profit 501.C.3 organization we should be making contributions to the community. Are there other ways we can do that?

Workshop Committee- Billy Bowman
Our goal is to have a workshop every two months, six times a year. Today we will have a representative from Melson Funeral service on funeral planning at 2:30.

During our summer meetings, we will invite South Coastal Village Volunteers, and Jewish Family Services on caregiving.
Martha Sheridan will work on these workshops. One idea for the future is on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how AI is transforming all aspects of our lives.

The Board will always be consulted on who is responsible for the cost of interpreters for the workshops. While we seek Deaf presenters, it is not always possible. If presenters are obligated under the ADA (i.e., Federal or state agency) we will ask them to cover interpreters. There are possible grants from the Department of Aging that we can pursue but it is a lengthy process to respond to RFPs (Request for Proposals).

Unfinished Business
According to the meeting minutes for last month's meeting this motion was tabled: Keith Robertson (Barbara Simpson) moved that we have a field trip to the Longwood Gardens during the month of December 2026. Jerry Cohen (Carla Hanyzewski) moved to table the motion. Passed. Do we want to leave this motion tabled indefinitely?

President Dave replied that we need to vote without comment when a motion is tabled. Jay Innes clarified that we should not say it passed.

Allen Talbert – a charter bus to Longwood Gardens is expensive, It was suggested those wanting to go should carpool. A minimum of 15 people is required for a tour at Longwood Gardens. The committee will discuss ideas and explore how to get interpreters for the tour.

Dogfish Head brewery provides tours on Mondays or Fridays after 3:00 pm. We will explore this field trip and see about interpreters.

New Business

Linda Lytle moved that DDSC support $500 to the DSD Roundtable, Allen Talbert seconded. Passed.

Announcements
None

DDSC Meeting Schedule and Location:

Every third Thursday of the month until December 2026 at
Town of Millville, Chamber Room
36404 Clubhouse Road, Millville

June 18th 10 am- 1pm

July 17th 10 am-1pm
August 20th 10 am- 1pm
September 18th 1- 4pm
October 15th 1- 4pm
November 19th 1- 4pm
December 17th 1- 4pm

Announce 50/50 raffle winner: Sherry Duhon. Proceeds go to pickleball fund

Adjournment of the Meeting 2:23pm

Barbara White