

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities' Agenda

March 15th, 2017

JOY RANCH

1663 448TH ST

Florence,SD

Call To Order: Colleen Winge

Members Present: Toby Niles, Jessica Fischer, Brigett Wookey, Jordan Trumbo, Shane Hoffman, Jill Gabel, Enma Lemus, Brenda Palsma-Teske, Brianna Tillma, Renee Hoover and guests Jamie Folk and Val Neisheim

Absences: Kim Langerock, Bonnie Boadwine, Lori Enstad, Cindy Raml, Julie Miller, Megan Lynde, Ryan Remmers, Marilyn Byer

Approval of Minutes: Jill made a motion to approve the minutes and Toby seconded. Everyone was in favor.

Treasurer's Report: There were no changes to the account balance month. The committee still has \$1893.00.

Old Business:

Survey on Spencer turned in?

-Colleen wanted to confirm that the survey results had been turned in to the appropriate boards as required for their grant participation. Both the DDD and VR responses have been turned in by Brigett and Brenda.

Disability Awareness Day- thoughts, feedback

-The committee felt that the event went very well and felt that the kids enjoyed and took the event seriously, which was good. Good feedback was received from the kids, and everyone enjoyed having the event in one place on one day rather than changing schools and having it take a few weeks to get to all of them.

-It was felt that having the volunteers from LATI was mostly a good experience. Many of the groups jumped in and took the event over so that committee members were able to observe and supervise more than run the event. However, there was one section where there were

fewer volunteers and a few of the volunteer groups that were not particularly engaging. Despite this, it was still felt that this was good experience.

-Suggestions for next year that the committee discussed were having more wheelchair events (obstacle course) as this seems to be an interest area for the kids, more socks as they tended to get gross by the end of the day, add to the obstacle course with a blindfold, someone with a disability to speak and answer questions for added exposure, shorter sessions as 10min was plenty long for most of the stations, and partnering with SBVI next year to have some Braille/low vision tools included in the event as well.

NDEAM Update

-There are not a lot of updates on this event at this time as we have not gotten a response back as to whether Governor Daugaard will be able to speak at the event or not. We will still be proceeding with an employee/employer panel if he is not able to present. Jessica did indicate that the request for funding had been sent in to the Board of VR at the end of February

-In later discussion regarding the committee's budget, it was mentioned that the event this year will be of little cost to the committee. Because we are partnering with HSA for their employer appreciation event, they will be covering the cost of the food, which will leave the committee with little to purchase.

New Business:

ADA update

-The subcommittee met earlier this week and opted to do a booth downtown during crazy days where we will be passing out ice cream treats and giving people the opportunity to win Watertown Bucks or downtown business gift certificates by correctly answering ADA/disability related questions. The subcommittee asked the larger committee for an estimate on the budget we have for this event for this year. It was discussed that the committee is in a position where money needs to be spent due to lack of expenses for other events, so we will proceed with purchasing the prizes and treats rather than procuring donations as we did last year. Jordan will be looking into costs and will present a more exact budget to the committee at the next meeting.

-Renee also mentioned that her and her husband own a t-shirt printing company so that if we ever wanted to do shirts for an event like this to please let her know as she could work with us on getting them.

Funds: Ideas

-In thinking about how the committee could get our name out in the community, it was mentioned that we could have a float in upcoming parades such as the 4th of July, Homecoming, and Christmas Parade. This will be discussed in more detail as these events get closer.

-Renee also mentioned that Joy Ranch will be hosting their second Autism Awareness Event on April 1st from 1p-4p. This event is for families who have a child with autism to allow them a judgement-free place to come have some fun with various activities throughout the day. It is free for the families to attend the event. Renee presented the idea that people could volunteer to assist with the event if they wanted and that she would email out some more information and that people could contact her via email if they would like to participate. Renee also mentioned that there are usually costs associated with the event that Joy Ranch employees end up covering from their personal funds just due to the newness of the event and the lack of funding at this time. The idea was presented and voted on that the Mayor's Committee would be willing and able to donate up to \$500 for the event, and this will be billed to the committee via an invoice from Joy Ranch. Renee and Brigett agreed to be in touch in regards to getting this set up. Toby also offered his services in whip cracking and roping demonstrations which Renee said may be helpful with other staff being busy with other things during the event. Brenda made a motion to approve this donation and Shane seconded. Everyone was in favor.

-Brigett also mentioned that both she and Brianna are a part of the GRDDSS committee, which puts on similar events that our committee does in the Milbank community. They are currently selling raffle tickets for various items to raise money for events that their committee would like to put on throughout the year. Everyone was encouraged to contact Brigett or Brianna if they would like to purchase tickets and Brigett will be sending out an email as well. Drawing for the prizes will be held on April 18th.

New members

Val Neisheim from Employment Connections has expressed interest in being on the committee. The committee was in agreement with Val and Jamie continuing to attend as visitors until the Mayor can make new appointments to the committee in August. The committee also agreed to allow them to participate in the voting for topics.

Nomination of employer, employee

-The committee agreed to present Dakota Tube with an award next month.

Adjournment:

Next meeting April 19th

Location-Buffalo Wild Wings

Brenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jessica seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor.