

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities' Agenda

February 21st 2018

12:00 pm

Dempsey's

127 N Broadway

Call to Order: Colleen Winge

Members Present: Marilyn Byer, Lori Enstad, Bonnie Boadwine, Brenda Palsma-Teske, Amanda Seppanen, Toby Niles, Brigett Wookey, Megan Lynde, Jill Gabel, Val Nesheim, Shane Hoffman, Nancy Hoops, Jamie Folk, Brianna Tillma, Courtney Redmond, Ryan Remmers, Tonya Urban

Excused Absences:

Unexcused/Unknown Absences: Cindy Raml

Guests: Mike Webb, SBVI Counselor, , Stephanie Schaefer, Sarah Lesnar, Kayla Goss

Approval of minutes: Toby Niles made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Brenda Palsma-Teske seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Brigett Wookey reported that we have been approved for \$2000 for this year. The Workmans's Comp has been taken out, \$87. This leaves a total of \$1913. In April/May the WC is adjusted and we may receive some of the \$87 back.

Old Business:

Disability Awareness Days is 02/27/18 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the intermediate school. It was discussed that the sub committee will meet and discern what is needed for the day, for example, who will be helping, what shifts there will be, how long of a break during the day there will be. Colleen stated that she has the items for Disability Awareness Days in her home and she will bring those on that day.

It was discussed that we should list our Mayor's meeting on the Chamber of Commerce Website. Val said that she would contact the Chamber of Commerce to see what we need to do to accomplish this.

NDEAM Committee

The sub committee for the NDEAM met on January 16 and discussed the tentative dates, what would be better, a speaker, a panel or a hands on Exhibit. A taco bar was suggested. It would be catered by the HAS. Brigett stated that 02/23/18 was the cutoff date to submit the grant for monies this year. Brigett was going to forward the budget proposal to Colleen. It was suggested that with the money that the committee has and the monies that would be available from the VR, that maybe we didn't need the grant. VR will pay for anything but food. The date was tentatively for October 3rd or 4th. It was discussed about the advertising and how to get more employers to attend. It was asked if we would have more people during the night or during the lunch hour. It was discussed that a hands on exhibit may be something to draw more employers in. It was also discussed to have a motivational speaker (possibly a person supported). The other idea for a speaker was

a gentleman who is disabled and started his own business. Jamie knows the gentleman being spoken about and stated that she would get in contact with him. There was also a discussion to share a speaker with other agencies. Brigett stated that she would contact Matt Simet and obtain the cost of sharing and get that information to Colleen. There would still be a ceremony to present the plaques and lunch. The idea of gift cards to be given out as door prizes was also noted. New Horizons has stated that they do want to be part of the NDEAM EVENT.

Swing Committee had not gotten any information together for this meeting. Brigett asked to be taken off of the handicap swing committee- this was approved by the committee

The Facebook page is launched. It was discussed as to who is able to post. It was mentioned that anyone on the committee should be able to post. There was also discussion of putting a picture of the committee for our profile and use the logo

New Business:

Disability Awareness Day:

Brenda Palsma-Teske gave her report on how the day will be handled. She stated everything will be the same as last year. The only changes are each session will be cut by 12 minutes to allow question/answer with Mike Webb.

It was discussed who was available and at what times. All 5th grade teachers will be available to help. There may be some LATI students that will help. If anyone knew of volunteers they should invite them to assist. Who will take pictures for Facebook

Colleen has all the items from last year's event

Mike Webb stated he could be there at 8:30

Brenda, Colleen, Ryan, Toby, Jamie, Kayla, Brigett, Sara, Stephanie could be there all day

Ryan called the PO

Val Nesheim and Nancy Hoops would not be available for this event.

The Facebook page is launched. Breanne and Brigett will help with uploading pictures. There was also discussion of putting a picture of the committee for our profile and use the logo

The Swing Committee : Val contacted the Brees Foundation for information on a grant. She contacted Jay Delange to find out which parks do have accessible play areas and what we would need to do to make this happen. Jay Delange stated that he would be willing to help anyway he could. Start with a centralized park. Val found samples of swings that would work and what the prices were. Ideas for possible funding from Lions, Optimist, PLHS and Sanford

The NDEAM proposal will be written by Colleen and sent in by the due date. Colleen contacted Wendy Parent-Johnson to see if she would be willing to speak. Has not heard back yet.

LATI conference room is reserved for October 3rd

The Event was placed on the Watertown Chamber of Commerce Website

Possibility of helping with Chef's Night at Joy Ranch – Val will check on this

Possibility of serving at Pizza Ranch. Not sure of the share that Committee would receive. Is it Monday night only? Val will check on this

Colleen has invited Justin Hiseck (SDAC President) to our next meeting

The next meeting will be March 21st at Pizza Ranch

Adjournment: Toby approved Val 2nd

March

Disability Awareness Days at Intermediate School

ADA Committee begins meeting to plan July event

April

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May

-Governor's Nominations Due

Mayor's Awards Nominations Due – End of May

June

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July

ADA Celebration

August

Election of new officers for committee

Voting for Mayor's Awards recipients

September

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October

NDEAM Event/Mayor's Awards presentation

November

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December

Committee is informed of budget/funds for the next year

Information on Events

Each year, our committee receives an amount of money from the City of Watertown to put on activities to provide services or raise awareness of disability issues

Disability Awareness Days

The committee goes to the intermediate school to do disability-related activities to give students insight on what it is like to live with various disabilities and to raise awareness.

Because we are working with many students during the day, we usually reach out for volunteers from LATI, HAS, etc.

ADA Celebration

The ADA was put into place in July of 1990, and since that time, the anniversary of its passage has been celebrated in various ways throughout the country in the month of July. This is a pretty new event for the committee, so we are trying different things to celebrate the passage of the ADA and to raise disability awareness.

Mayor's Awards

Each year, the committee takes nominations and votes on Watertown recipients of awards in the following categories:

Outstanding Employee with a Disability, Outstanding Citizen with a Disability, Distinguished Employer, Outstanding Transition Services, and Distinguished Service

NDEAM/Mayor's Committee Awards

October is considered National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), so every year, we host an event to present disability related issues to local employers to raise awareness and promote inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the workplace. During our event, we also present awards to our Mayor's Award recipients.

Committee List

NDEAM (October)

Val N., Colleen W., Nancy H., Jamie F., Shane H., Marilyn B.

Events

Tonya U., Brenda PT., Val N.

School Awareness

Brenda PT, Briana T, Megan L, Jamie F, Nancy H, Amanda S, Ryan R, Courtney R, Brigett W, Val N, Jill G, Bonnie B, Toby N, Lori E

ADA

Tonya U, Jamie R, Megan L, Val N, Jill G

Fundraising

Val N, Pete B (advisor), Colleen W, Toby N

Swing

Val N, Pete B, Ryan R,

Facebook Group

Brenda PT

Not on Committee

Cindy R