

# Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities' Agenda

June 20 2018

12:00 pm

Harry's

Watertown, SD

Call to Order: Colleen Winge

2<sup>nd</sup> by Toby Niles

Members Present: Marilyn Byer, Brenda Palsma-Teske, Toby Niles, Brigett Wookey, Nancy Hoops, Jamie Folk, Brianna Tillman, Lori Enstad, Megan Lynde, Val Nesheim, Jill Gabel, Ryan Remmers, Kayla Goos, Stephanie Schaefer

Excused Absences: Courtney Redmond, Shane Hoffman, Tonya Urban

Unexcused/Unknown Absences: Bonnie Boadwine

Approval of minutes: Toby Niles made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Jamie Folk seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Brigett Wookey reported that we have a total of \$1818.83. In April/May the WC is adjusted and we may receive some of the \$87 back.

## **Old Business:**

Camp Chance; July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be at Joy Ranch. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> it will be at the Zoo from 11-noon.

A sub-committee was set up to work with Camp Chance. The committee members are: Stephanie, Nancy, Jamie, Brenda and Val.

The sub committee meeting was held and minutes were distributed by Jamie Folk.

Toby Niles, Colleen Winge and Brigett Wookey offered to help with Camp Chance

National Night is August 7<sup>th</sup>. Nothing was decided as handout items for this event. A sub committee was set up to discuss what would be done on this night. The committee members are Nancy, Stephanie, Jamie and Val.

## **New Business:**

It was announced that Colleen Winge will be resigning as President of the MCPD on July 1, 2018. Jamie Folk has stepped up to be President. We are waiting to see who will be Vice President.

Tonya Urban will not be renewing her term on the MCPD

New persons interested in being elected to the committee include, Stephanie Schaefer and Courtney Redmond.

There has still been no answer regarding the grant for the swings.

There will be a vote for the committee members at the August meeting.

Discussion regarding the topic that we will ask Wendy-Parent-Johnson to speak about at the NDEAM meeting.

Voting needs to be completed for the nominees for NDEAM.

The August meeting will be held at the HyVee conference room.

The next meeting will be July 18th at Buffalo Wild Wings

Adjournment: Brenda approved Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>

August

National Night Out/ADA Celebration

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.