

**Metro Area Mayors' Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2017**

Present: Tammy DeSautel, Rikki Trageton, Jerry Christiansen, Terry Romine, Lenore King, Kandy Jenkins, Lacey Hubert, Steve Pederson, Keith Bjornson and Sherry Bjornson

1) Rikki Trageton called the meeting to order.

2) Introduction of members and agenda

3) **Approval of today's agenda:** Jerry Christiansen made the motion to approve the agenda, Steve Pederson second the motion, motion passed.

4) **Treasurer's Report:** Steve Pederson provided the report. Please see the attachment for details. Terry Romine made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Keith Bjornson second the motion, motion passed.

5) **Review of Sub Committee reports -**

a) Grace Tveiten Grant Report; There are no new grant applications at this time. The committee did receive a thank you card from one of the previous grant recipients.

b) COPP Program/Transportation Committee; Jerry Christiansen reported that West Acres parking lot has some issues. There are currently 75 designated accessible spots. There should be 98-107 with 10 van accessible spots. Currently there are only 2 van accessible spots at West Acres. They are also looking into the downtown accessible parking situation. The spots are not marked correctly and none of them are van accessible. From the last meeting: Jerry reported that citizens may call the Fargo Police Dispatch to report someone wrongfully parked in an accessible parking spot. That phone number is 701-235-4493.

6) **New Business:**

a) Continue discussion about action items for MAMC:

* Transportation barriers for people with disabilities

* Relationships with employers regarding employing people with disabilities

- The committee will plan on some activities in October to address transportation and employer relations. Steve will reach out to a reporter from WDAY to do a segment on parking and/or employment. We will also host a booth at the October Business After Hours (committee members MUST receive prior approval from the committee officers before attending under the MAMC chamber membership). We will also plan on a speaker for the October MAMC meeting.

- Some other suggestions were to create a MAMC Twitter account.

- Showcase some videos promoting supported employment and/or MAMC award winners and other success stories.

- Use already created marketing materials from the Department of Labor to promote Disability Awareness Month.

7) Announcements

a) Community Options 4U Days will be Aug 23 & 25. See attachment for more details.

b) Mini Pow Wow will be Sunday Aug 20th at Rabanus Park in Fargo.

8) Meeting was adjourn

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 21th, 12-1 at Fryn'Pan, Fargo.

Submitted by
Tammy DeSautel