

Metro Area Mayors' Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2017

Present: Tammy DeSautel, Rikki Trageton, Kandy Jenkins, Steve Pederson, Jerry Christiansen, Robert Anderson, Lenore King, Ronda Blake, Lacey Hubert, Jami Svor, Terry Romine, Jeff Anderson, Vicky Bogart, Sabina Abaza

- 1) Rikki Trageton called the meeting to order.
- 2) There was an introduction of member and guests.
- 3) The agenda was reviewed. Robert Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda, Steve Pederson seconded. Motion carried.
- 4) **Treasure's report** - Steve Pederson provided the report, please see attachment. Tammy DeSautel made a motion to approve the treasure's report, Robert Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

5) Review of Sub Committee reports -

a) Public Relations Report; Spread the word regarding nominations for the MAMC Awards Banquet. We have a goal to increase the attendance from last year's awards banquet. A decision was made to combine the Public Relations subcommittee with the Grace Tveiten Grant committee, this is how it's written in our by-laws.

b) Grace Tveiten Grant Report; Vicky Bogart provided copies of the Grace Tveiten Grant application for members to review. She is in the process of updating the form and asked that we provide feedback. She will present an updated version at the March meeting.

c) COPP Program; Jerry Christiansen mentioned that he and Keith Bjornson are working with the city of Fargo inspector to encourage businesses to properly mark their accessible parking spaces. The Transportation committee and the COPP Program will be combined. Please contact Jerry if you are interested in being a part of the COPP program efforts.

6) **Awards Banquet** - Reminder that the banquet is Thursday, April 20th at the Ramada Plaza Suites. Dan Michaels will be the Emcee and the United Patriotic Bodies will provide the Color Guard. The sponsorship letter have been sent. The nomination forms have been updated and are available on the MAMC website. The banquet registration forms will be completed soon. There was a Facebook event created for the MAMC Awards Banquet, it is on Tammy DeSautel's FB page. If you would like to share or see the event you will have to send a FB friend request to Tammy. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet at the March meeting. If you would like a copy of the banquet sponsorship letter, please let Rikki know. It was mentioned to have the sponsors listed on the MAMC website in addition to the banquet banner, program and mentioned during the banquet. The awards selection committee is made up of people who are NOT associated with the MAMC committee.

7) **New Business** - Jerry provided an update on the newly renovated Bison Sports Arena. The Dept. of Justice involved. Some of the areas of concern are bad seating, view is obstructed, not enough parking or seating and the doors are not setup properly.

Jeff Anderson requested a donation on behalf of the Region V committee of practice on transition for a movie event they are hosting on April 6th at the Fargo Theatre. The movie is called How to Dance in Ohio and it brings awareness of Autism. Vicky Bogart made a motion to donate \$100.00, Terry Romine seconded the motion was carried.

8) **Announcements** - Kandy Jenkins talked about an upcoming event being hosted by Community Options, Unmasking Brain Injury. The event will be held February, 23 from 3-7 at Community Options.

If you would like to have your agency/company information at the event, please contact Kandy. See attachments for details

Tammy DeSautel talked about two temporary positions that are open at the Fargo Job Service office. One of the positions is located in the JOBS program (40 hrs/wk) and the other is located with the WIOA program (30 hrs/wk). The deadline to apply is February 22nd.

The Arc of Cass County will be hosting the 10th Annual Fashion Show on March 24th. See attachments for registration and event details.

9) Meeting was adjourn

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 16th, 12-1 at Fryn'Pan, Fargo.

Submitted by,
Tammy DeSautel