

Metro Area Mayors Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014

Present: Dave Pompe, Brenda Majerus, Matt Beilke, Rikki Trageton, Tom Thompson, Ronda Blake, Tammy DeSautel, Angie Bosch, Kim Drewes, Keith and wife, Jerry from Freedom, Vicki, Brenda _ (I sent around a sign-up sheet but not sure where it ended up at-maybe Angie has it??)

1. Tammy DeSautel called the meeting to order.
2. There was introduction of all members present.
3. There was a motion to approve the agenda by Keith 1st and Vicki 2nd.
4. The September meeting minutes were approved.-Brenda 1st and Kim 2nd
5. Treasurers Report and Grace Tveiten Grant Report-There was no Treasures report presented at this meeting. There were no current applications to the GT Grant in the last month.

6. Program Reports.
 - a. Public Relations/Grant Committee-No report presented. There was a discussion relating to the minutes from the last meeting. Vicki requested to have the words “that was paid” removed from the sentence regarding last month’s application. There was more discussion on the application and it was decided that GT committee needs to review the guidelines grant approvals.
 - b. Transportation Committee-No report presented.
 - c. COPP Program-Kim Drewes stated she will be contacting the members of this committee.
 - d. Awards Banquet-Tom presented information about the next banquet which will be held on Thursday, April 16th at noon at Holiday Inn. There will be sponsorships available for \$125. March 16th is the deadline for nominations for award winners. The cost of the meals have continued to increase each year. The attendees have paid \$15 per meal but the committee needs to increase the amount to \$20 to have enough money to cover the costs associated with the meal.

7. New Business.
 - a. Chamber membership and Business After Hours-The MAMC will not have a booth at Business After Hours this month but Vicki B. will attend and have MAMC materials to hand out to vendors and businesses. The committee discussed representation from the chamber to attend our monthly meeting and bring information to us. We also discussed the Chamber newsletter, The Bridge. Tom stated that Steve receives two paper copies and Tom will ask Steve to bring them to our meetings so committee members can read them. The Chamber membership is \$250 per year and since we receive money from the City of Fargo the committee decided to renew our membership. Vicki 1st and Keith 2nd the motion.
 - b. New meeting locations-There was a discussion about a new location for meeting. The requirement for a new meeting location were reviewed. It must have accessible parking, be on the city bus route, be centrally located, and server affordable food. Keith is on the Human Rights Committee through Freedom Resources and they will check out some meeting locations and report back some options at the next meeting.

- c. Parking Brochure Update-Jerry from Freedom reviewed the ADA laws and the MAMC parking brochure. He believes the brochure was written according to the 1991 ADA standards and he gave proposed changes based on the 2010 standards. The size of the accessible parking was discussed. MN has the original 8' Van space with an 8' Access Aisle with another 8' parking space requirements but ND recommendations are for 11' Van space 5' Access Aisle with another 8' parking space. The reason the MN requirements with a 8' access aisle are less desired is because other drivers often see the aisle as a place to park their cars or motorcycles blocking the van door for the accessible Van space. There was a discussion about encouraging MN to use the ND recommendations. The changes discussed will be forwarded to Dennis Krull to update the brochure.
 - d. The question from last month's meeting was answered about the requirement for businesses to have automatic door openers. Jerry from Freedom stated that according to the ADA and building code, automatic door openers are not required
8. Navigating the Crossroads to Hope Gala on Oct. 23 at the Doublewood
October is Disability Awareness Month-The MAMC paid for all the committee members lunches.
2nd Annual Art of Freedom on Oct 23 from 5-7 at Dakota Medical Foundation. There are double the entries as last year.
Nonprofit Awareness Day at West Acres will be held on Sunday, October 26th. The MAMC will not have a booth as we are considered a governmental agency.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronda Blake