

**Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Location: Fryn' Pan, Main Avenue, Fargo
January 10, 2008**

Present: Terry Romine, Tom Thompson, Ron Sandness, Tammy Stuart, Amanda Noce, MaryBeth Collier, Mark Mehlhoff, Genn Bervig, Mary C. Tintes, Paulette Ness, Kati Langlie, Lori Johnson, Laura Eberhardt, Jeannie Krull, Judy Seigle, Vicky Bogart, Brenda Majerus, Maria Vazquez, Joey (Joyce) Morken, Jen Erickson.

Co-chair presiding: Tammy Stuart

Brenda M. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the December 2007 meeting. Terry R. provided the second. Motion passed.

Judy S. made a motion to approve today's agenda as it's written. Paulette N. provided the second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Paulette Ness

Checking: \$2,744.09
GT Grant: \$3,855.14
Savings: \$1,216.86
Total: \$8,816.09
Deposits: \$0.00

Paulette indicated that \$300.00 was expended to support disability-related programming at the Hjemkomst Interpretive Center.

Americorp – no current update

Awards Luncheon – Tom Thompson

Tom encouraged members to submit nominations for various awards as many more are needed. Nominations should be submitted no later than March 1st and members are reminded that the forms are located on the MAMC website www.fmareamayorscommittee.org. Tom stated that a list of potential advertisers was submitted to the Forum and their representatives will begin making contacts regarding the insert in The Forum scheduled to go out shortly before the Awards Banquet to profile disability awareness topics. The Forum asked for a list of 50 contacts and 92 were submitted. Tom indicated if anyone has ideas about a business to interview to let him know.

In regard to sponsorship, Tom reminded the group that the head table for the Awards Banquet is already covered by a sponsor (\$350.00); however, additional

sponsorship opportunities exist (\$100.00 per table). Tom plans to bring a sign up sheets for volunteers to next month's meeting.

C.O.P.P Program – no current update

Additional Announcements:

- Vicky B. distributed a listing of events for the Multimedia Art Exhibition, which includes a concentration on artists with disabilities. Artists and writers are encouraged to participate in the show, particularly those with disabilities. There is no charge to enter a piece of artwork. Admission to view exhibits at the Hjemkomst is \$6.00 at the door, as noted.
- Tammy S. provided data documents from Job Service of North Dakota, including community census information and employment summaries.
- Judy S. announced that Wheelchairs for the World will be moving wheelchairs at 2 pm tomorrow at the West Acres Office Park and they're looking for volunteers. Wheelchairs will be sent to a prison in Kansas on Monday.
- Maria V. brought raffle tickets today which are available for purchase to support *Ski for Light*, which is a program that is open to persons with disabilities in North Dakota and South Dakota. For more information, see Maria or visit the following website www.skiforlight.org.
- Kati L. announced the ARC of Cass County is sponsoring a fashion show where models will be wearing outfits from the thrift store. Kati notes they are looking for individuals to model an outfit and models would get their hair and make-up done at a discount.

Free lunch recipient – Jeannie Krull

The next MAMC meeting is on Thursday, February 14th, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Erickson