

**Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Meeting Minutes
Location: Happy Joes
January 14, 2010**

Present: Dennis Krull, Laura Eberhardt, Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Steve Pederson, Tammy DeSautel, Tom Thompson, Terry Romine, Vicky Bogart, Joan Kirk, Jen Erickson, Brenda Majerus, Jean Thompson, Nate Bailly, Leon Schlafmann, Kati Langlie

Co-chairs presiding: Steve Pederson and Laura Eberhardt

Last Meeting's Minutes and Agenda: Motion to approve – Tammy DeSautel
2nd – Brenda Majerus

Treasurer's Report – Kati Langlie

Checking: \$3664.38

Paid: IPAT (for pamphlet holders) \$63.69

GT grant: \$3250.09

Paid: One approved application \$282.00

Savings: \$1225.25

Total: **\$8,139.72**

The Esther Awards requested a donation of a gift basket that will be used for their silent auction. Tammy made a recommendation to donate \$50 for the gift basket. Dennis seconded. The donation was approved by all committee members.

Program Reports & Relevant Issues:

Leon Schlafmann introduced himself to the MAMC. Leon is the Emergency Services Coordinator for the city of Fargo. He explained that he is developing a plan to assist people who have special needs during emergency situations. He asked for input on agencies that support people with special needs. He also informed the committee members that they can contact Bob Getz if they have concerns/questions about the ADA.

C.O.P.P. Program – No update

Awards Banquet – Brenda announced the menu for the Awards Banquet. The choices will be Minnesota Chicken or Pork loin Du Jour. There will also be a vegetarian option. Please get nominations in! Laura shared a budget and prize options for the raffle. It was decided that 1000 tickets will be purchased. In addition to her recommendations, members recommended having a prize of a spa or baseball package. It was also recommended that the committee should buy prizes from those companies who support the employment of people who have disabilities and those who would be interested in sponsoring a table at the banquet.

Membership Development – No update

Short Term Sub Committees:

Chic's Clues – Holder have been purchased. Nate requested holders that can be used at the city offices. Terry noted that Chic's Clues are now available online as well as a link to the ADA website.

Disability Employment Awareness Month – No update.

Winter Service Project: The members discussed a winter shovel out. There were concerns that there might not be enough snow to shovel as well nobody chairing the event. Marisa agreed to work on this project if somebody else was willing to help out. Laura agreed to send out an email to all MAMC members requesting assistance. Marisa asked that a sub-committee be formed in the future for this project.

Tammy shared some information regarding Personal Assistance Services Online Registry and "Find a Job."

*****The next meeting is at Noon on Thursday, February 11th at the Community Room at West Acres. The meeting will start promptly at noon. If you plan on buying lunch, be sure and get to the mall early!! *****

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Secretary