

**Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Location: Fryn' Pan, Main Avenue, Fargo
March 8, 2007**

Present: Tom Thompson, Paulette Ness, Brenda Majerus, Paula Aalgaard, Tammy Stuart, Vicky Bogart, Ellen Dunn, Mark Breitbach, Stephanie Sheets, Tim Ness, MaryBeth Collier, Katie Webb, Jeannie Krull, Jen Erickson

Co-chair presiding: Tammy Stuart

Paula A. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February's meeting, and Katie W. provided the second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Breitbach

Checking: \$5,879.29

GT grant: \$3,724.12

Savings: \$1,210.80

Total \$10,814.21

Deposits: none

1st quarter parking fees check is expected to arrive in April and there are no Grace Tveiten applications pending at this time.

Total Parking fees collected for the past 3 years:

2006 - \$2,553.00

2005 - \$3,297.50

2004 - \$6,721.00

Awards Banquet

Tom T. reported that a decision was made to add a second entrée for the banquet - Rock Cod and Italian Chicken have been selected for the entrées. Mark B. plans to bring chocolate candies to place on tables for those in attendance with permission from the Ramada Plaza Suites personnel. The following organizations have chosen to sponsor a table for the banquet: Noridian, State Bank of Fargo, Vocational Training Center.

The Award recipients have been selected; however, not all have been notified to date. Tom T. plans to order plaques for award recipients.

Jen E. indicated that a representative from the Circle K student organization at NDSU (Tonya Mayfield) stated plans to seek volunteers at their meeting tonight for the Awards Banquet/AT Expo. Two volunteers have initially stated plans to assist with the AT Expo in the afternoon and Tonya will make an announcement to give others an opportunity to volunteer. Jen E. stated plans to follow up with Kara Stack at NDSU regarding possible volunteers through the Volunteer Network. Tammy S. made initial contact with the Volunteer Network to inquire about volunteers prior to today's meeting.

MAMC website

Jen E. sent the minutes from 2006 MAMC monthly meetings to Terry Romine to add to the website as well as recommended text changes.

There were questions raised about the web address not referencing the Metro Area Mayors committee. It was noted that Terry R. had recommended using "FM" instead of "Metro" to increase the chances that individuals looking for the website could find it quickly through a search engine if they didn't have the exact address.

MAMC By-laws

Tom T. referenced the most recent version of the by-laws emailed to the group prior to today's meeting. There was dialogue about whether or not "Mayors" should have an apostrophe so it's listed consistently on literature and on the MAMC website. It was determined that "Mayors" should not have an apostrophe. This will be modified in the by-laws document and Jen E. will email Terry Romine so this can be changed on the website.

A motion was made by Tammy S. to approve the by-laws and Paula A. provided the second. Motion passed.

C.O.P.P. Program

The FM leadership team members are checking with their employers to solicit feedback related to accessible parking packets content. There has been some consideration given to the prospect of hosting an event where sign companies would offer a discount on accessible sign indicators for businesses. Patty Roscoe, City Attorney, sent Tom T. a flyer used by Sioux Falls, which provides information about accessible parking. Tom T. expressed an interest in adopting information from this flyer for distribution in our metro area.

Additional Item

Stephanie S. reported on Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol which is scheduled to take place next Wednesday, March 14th. She indicated that events run from 10 am to 3 pm in Bismarck and will include the following:

- 20 awareness booths hosted by members of the North Dakota Disability Advocacy Consortium
- Opportunities for persons with disabilities to interact or accompany legislators on the floor to observe aspects of the legislative session (approximately 30 legislators have agreed to participate in this aspect of the day).
- Story time for children with disabilities in 4 classrooms.

Free lunch drawing – Katie Webb was the recipient

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Erickson