

**Metro Area Mayor's Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Location: Fryn' Pan, Main Ave. Fargo
May 11, 2006**

Present: Jenny Johnson, Lillian Mulder, Paulette Ness, Mikel Kunza, Lugene Wolters, Lisa Schornack, Sara Vetsch, Roman Rezac, Tammy Stuart, Mark Breitbach, Mary Beth Collier, Judy Siegle, Paula Aalgaard, Ellen Dunn, Robert Anderson, Jennifer Erickson, Jeannie Krull.

Co-Chair residing: Tammy Stuart

Treasurer's Report: Mark Breitbach

Checking: \$8,429.81

GT grant: \$3,885.00

Savings: \$1,206.26

Total: \$13,521.07

Grace Tveiten Grant Update: A previous applicant resubmitted his application and provided additional information for consideration; the committee has not heard from the other applicant who has been asked to submit additional details for consideration.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from March 9, 2006 by Robert Anderson and Judy Siegle provided a 2nd for the motion. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker

Mike Kunza from the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments was a guest speaker today; he spoke about the 2011 Transportation plan/proposal that's currently being assembled with input from various entities.

Mike reported that ride usage through Handi-Wheels has recently increased by about 15-20% and continues to grow. Handi-Wheels has added vehicles to accommodate this increase and serve riders. Mike stated that a 5-year transit plan proposal is underway. In order to receive federal funds, a 5-year projection plan needs to be identified. It was noted that transit's collaboration with colleges is important, in part, because the general public benefits from added routes etc.

He noted that a current opportunity/challenge is to increase transportation routes to areas inhabited by large employers (such as 45th Street) and reported plans to work toward greater transportation access on Sundays. Mike indicated that open forums will be scheduled this summer to provide opportunities for the public to provide input.

Awards Banquet

It was noted that attendance increased substantially this year for both the banquet and the Assistive Technology (AT) Expo; there's continued support to pair these two events together due to successful collaboration this year and observable increases in attendance.

Tammy noted that the Technology Access Foundation is willing to sponsor the head table again and has also agreed to fund a part-time position to assist with the coordination of the AT Expo.

Jeannie Krull informed the committee that the number of attendees and vendors at the Expo. increased by 50% this year. Two Expo. dates being considered next year are April 5th and April 19th. There are plans to hold the 2007 Expo. at the Ramada Plaza Suites.

There was dialogue about the buffet-style dinner versus attendees being served at their tables (with prior registration/meal preference indicated). Members of the committee noted that it would be important to have volunteers directing lines/traffic at the buffet if this format is repeated next year.

Jennifer introduced the possibility of adding an award that recognizes persons working in Education (K-12 and/or Post-secondary organizations, etc.) for exemplary work with students/persons with disabilities. There was some dialogue and it was agreed that committee members would consider this idea prior to the next meeting so that further dialogue and/or a vote could be held.

Announcements

- Tammy indicated that the Metro Area Mayor's Committee received a certificate of nomination for being a recent ChamberChoice nonprofit candidate.
- During the next MAMC meeting the committee will be accepting nominations for new officers for the Metro Area Mayor's Committee.
- COPPS program – 2 businesses have recently corrected their accessible parking violations.
- Judy Siegle announced the **Wheels for the World** campaign is scheduled for August. The Kick off is a Car Wash on Saturday August 19th at Southpointe. Individuals can drop off donations at this location (wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, etc.). Area clinics will also be identified as "drop off" sites between August 21-25th. Wheelchairs will be sent to prison sites for restoration so that they're functional for those who receive and use them.

Free Meal Drawing Recipient was Lugene Wolters – Congratulations!

The next MAMC meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2006 @ Noon at the Fryn' Pan on Main Avenue in Fargo.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Erickson

