

**Metro Area Mayors Committee  
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)  
Location: Fryn' Pan, Main Avenue, Fargo  
May 10, 2007**

**Present:** Dan Mahli, Tom Thompson, Jeannie Krull, Ron Sandness, Terry Romine, Mark Breitbach, Mike Haring, Paulette Ness, Vicky Bogart, MaryBeth Collier, Robert Anderson, Allan Peterson, Tammy Stuart, Jen Erickson

**Co-Chairs Presiding – Tammy Stuart & Dan Mahli**

Allan P. moved to approve the meeting minutes from March. Robert A. provided the second. Motion passed.

**Additions to the agenda:**

- Identify election committee
- Discuss next month's meeting to see if there are conflicts with the date since it coincides with a Family Connections event.

**Treasurer's Report – Mark Breitbach**

Checking: \$5,752.76

GT grant: \$3,525.66

Savings: \$1,212.29

Total: \$10,490.71

Deposits: \$50.00

No Grace Tveiten grant applications pending.

There was dialogue and concerns expressed about accessible parking enforcement, noting that fees collected from accessible parking violations were very small this past quarter. It was agreed that the committee would observe the parking issue for one more quarter and communicate with the City of Fargo police chief if concerns about enforcement persist.

**Awards Banquet Review – GREAT JOB!**

It was noted that the recipient of the Outstanding Citizen award received nice media coverage and there was a strong turn out at this year's event.

An estimated 250 were in attendance as compared to 210 last year, as reported. Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mayors Committee and there was dialogue about possible ways to celebrate the longevity/accomplishments at the awards banquet. It was noted that past meeting minutes dated back to the 1960's could be reviewed in addition to news articles, etc. to reflect back on the history of the committee. There was also mention made of an original organizer of the Mayors Committee (Marion Sansted – sp?) and the prospect of reconnecting with her.

More people are needed at the registration table next year for the banquet, as stated. There were two people overseeing the table this year at any given time and 3 to 4 people would be advisable. There was conversation about the significant challenges associated with having a buffet-style banquet with few (or no attendants to guide the line, assist those in need etc.) and the value of moving to providing a meal in which it's served to attendees at their tables. This is a topic which is revisited from last year and members indicated the importance of making this change for next year to provide greater access and improved efficiency at the banquet.

### **No by-laws update at this time ~**

### **MAMC Display update – Vicky Bogart**

Vicky indicated that displays are ranging anywhere from \$350.00 to \$1,500 after checking with a couple different sources. One significant difference between the upper and lower price range is related to the casing and how the display is transported (wheels versus carry-on). The roller shade has wheels and is 6 ft in height with the capability of adding graphics with velcro. The display would have our logo on it. Vicky plans to get sample pictures so the committee can vote on it next month.

### **Additional items**

- There's a dedication ceremony for the Accessible Park in Lindenwood next Thursday, May 17, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Burgers, hot dogs, and ice cream will be served – all are welcome!
- The FM Leadership team will be presenting at our next Mayors committee meeting in June. 1,300 parking information packets are being created to distribute to Chamber of Commerce employers, sign companies, and city inspections office. The leadership team also plans to promote packets at the Business-After-Hours event in June.
- The nomination committee for the MAMC executive board includes: Tom Thompson, Jeannie Krull, and Paula Aalgaard.
- There was dialogue about the MAMC website and plans are underway to request that a path be created to automatically move site visitors from the old website to the new one for those unaware of the new web address. Please view the website to identify possible corrections that need to be reported to Terry Romine so changes can be made. Terry invited members to submit pictures to him to create a photo gallery on the site.
- Next year's date for the AT Expo is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Fryn' Pan, Main Avenue.