

**Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Location: Fryn' Pan, Main Avenue, Fargo
June 14, 2007**

Present: Robert Anderson, Paulette Ness, Tom Thompson, Maria Vazquez, Joey Morken, MaryBeth Collier, Tammy Stuart, Cynthia Kill, Laura Eberhardt, Jeannie Krull, Mike Haring, Mark Breitbach, Paula Aalgaard, Katie Nichelson, Marshall Johnson, Lillian Mulder, Kelly Noack, Kathy Circle, Dan Mahli, Jen Erickson.

Co-chairs presiding: Dan Mahli & Tammy Stuart

Robert A. made a motion to approve today's meeting agenda. Jeannie K. provided the second. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report – Mark Breitbach

Checking: \$5,287.74

GT Grant: \$3,426.40

Savings: \$1,212.29

Total: \$9,926.43

Deposits: No city deposits

No Grace Tveiten grants pending

Program Reports:

FM leadership team summary

speakers – Marshall Johnson & Katie Nichelson

Marshall and Katie provided information about their leadership team's civic outreach project to assist the MAMC in promoting accessible parking awareness, while creating informational packets to support the C.O.P.P's program. This project/application was selected out of approximately one dozen proposals. Informational packets about accessible parking were created from supporting funds from the Rocky Mountain Disability Center (DBTAC) and the MAMC and this team worked to create useful content aimed at educating business property owners about accessible parking requirements. Sign companies agreed to provide 10% off accessible parking signs for chamber of commerce members.

Both Katie and Marshall informed the group that members of this leadership team learned more about accessible parking guidelines and found that some colleagues lacked knowledge, initially, about various parking indicators needed to enforce current law. Much gratitude is expressed to this team for their work to educate community businesses/property owners about this important issue.

It was agreed that the *Fargo Accessible Parking Requirements* brochure could be added to the MAMC website for those wishing to view and/or print this document. Tom T. plans to locate the brochure so it can be added to the web.

The FM leadership team plans to continue sharing accessible parking information with the business community at Business After Hours on June 28, 2007 from

4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott. Eligible MAMC members interested in attending this event should contact Tom T. so reservations can be made.

New MAMC Display booth – this agenda item deferred until August meeting.

Awards Banquet

Tom T. stated an interest in forming a group of individuals to work on the 50th Anniversary Awards Banquet for 2008. The following individuals expressed an interest in working with Tom to contribute to these efforts.

- Jeannie Krull
- Tammy Stuart
- Kathy Circle
- Joey Morken

Elections

The MAMC nomination committee, composed of Jeannie Krull, Paula Aalgaard and Tom Thompson, met prior to today's meeting to identify nominees for the executive board.

Tammy Stuart and Dan Mahli were nominated and accepted the nomination to continue working as Co-chairs. Mark B. made a motion to approve the nomination. Robert A. provided the second. Motion passed.

Jen Erickson was nominated and accepted the nomination to continue working as the Secretary. Robert A. made a motion to approve the nomination. Maria V. provided the second. Motion passed.

Paulette Ness was nominated and accepted the nomination to work as the Treasurer. Laura E. provided a motion to approve the nomination. Robert A. provided the second. Motion passed.

THANK YOU to Mark Breitbach for his many years of service as former Co-chair and treasurer for the MAMC! It was agreed that Mark's lunch would be covered by the committee today in honor of his long-standing service to the MAMC.

Other items

- There was dialogue about the prospect of contacting cities that reflect the membership/purpose of the MAMC to inquire about parking fees/fines to explore possible options for how these funds might be allocated to advance accessibility initiatives.
- Tammy S. announced that individuals interested in attending the Family Connections Conference could still register for various portions of the conference in progress from June 14-16th.

Free lunch drawing winner – Paulette Ness

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Erickson

