

## **Metro Area Mayor's Committee For People with Disabilities (MAMC)**

**Location: Fryn' Pan, Main Avenue, Fargo**

**August 10, 2006**

### **Present:**

Ron Sandness, Tammy Stuart, Chuck Stebbins, Stephanie Sheets, Paulette Ness, Paula Aalgaard, Brenda Koppy, Judy Siegle, Robert Anderson, JoAnn Nygard, Brenda Majerus, Mark Breitbach, Jeff Anderson.

### **Co-chairs residing: Tammy Stuart**

Introductions were made and a motion to approve the July meeting minutes was initiated by Mark, and Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report – Mark Breitbach**

Checking: \$6,442.96

GT Grant: \$3,660.00

Savings: \$1207.76

Total: \$11,310.72

Deposits: \$550.00 (parking fees for second quarter)

*MAMC receives \_ of the \$100.00 parking fee acquired through fines for relevant parking violations.*

**Grace Tveiten Grant Update:** The committee approved two applications. One applicant applied for funds for work clothes, and the second applicant asked for funds to purchase new tires for their vehicle. The committee has established a policy in regards to funding car repairs. Repairs that are under \$200.00 will be approved, and requests over that amount will be scrutinized carefully. Additional information, such as quotes from the repair facility will be required as well.

### **Presentation:**

Lorraine presented from the Wheels for the World organization. Wheels for the World collects, refurbishes, and distributes wheelchairs to people in need around the world. In the eleven years this organization has been operating, they have distributed 35,000 wheelchairs to citizens in 70 countries. The local chapter is preparing for their 4<sup>th</sup> annual wheelchair drive on August 19 from 10am to 4pm @ South Point Merit Care. From August 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, regional Merit Care clinics will be accepting donations of wheelchairs in outlying areas. Lorraine shared her experiences from a recent mission to Cuba where 200 wheelchairs to donated to people with disabilities.

### **Program Reports:**

Tammy, Tom, and Jen met with Mayor Walaker and explained the programs of the MAMC, and received a commitment from him to read the proclamation at the Diversity Expo in October.

### **C.O.P.P.'s Program**

Tammy discussed a plan to reimburse volunteers of the COPP program for the mileage expenses that they incur. The proposal offers to pay volunteers .25 per each site that they monitor. This plan will be re-evaluated in the future, and altered if need be. Judy made a motion to approve this plan, and Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

### **Additional items**

Tammy mentioned that DQ was running a fundraiser where all proceeds from the sale of any *Blizzards* are donated to the Make a Wish Foundation.

### **Announcements**

- ø On August 30<sup>th</sup>, the MS Society will have an informative meeting titled, "How to live with MS". Contact the MS Society (number is available in the phone book).
- ø Chuck mention that on August 24<sup>th</sup>, there is a Public Forum "Awake the Sleeping Giant" with US Senator Byron Dorgan from 2pm-3pm in rm 202 at the Fargo Dome. This is a great opportunity to discuss disability related issues with a person who can influence policy on the federal level.

**Free lunch drawing – Ron Sandness (congrats Ron!)**

**Next Meeting:** September 14 @ the Fryin' Pan

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeff Anderson (acting Secretary)