

**Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Meeting Minutes
Location: Lonestar Steak House
August 13, 2009**

Present: Laura Eberhardt, Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Kathy Circle, Tom Thompson, Kati Langlie, Terry Romine, Vicky Bogart, Steve Pederson, Keith Bjornson, Tammy DeSautel, Mary Beth Collier, Val Nielsen, Dennis Krull, Jeannie Krull

Co-chairs presiding: Laura Eberhardt & Steve Pederson

Last Meeting's Minutes: Motion to approve – Tom Thompson 2nd- Tammy DeSautel

Agenda: Motion to approve – Keith Bjornson 2nd- Tom Thompson

Treasurer's Report – Kati Langlie

Checking:	\$5379.12
Deposit:	\$2250.00
GT grant:	\$3518.64
Savings:	\$1223.72

Total: \$12371.48

Bill: Ramada	\$3089.91
Chamber	\$272.00
Gas Card	\$300.00
Post Master	\$40.00

Total After Bills: \$8669.57

Kati will request a debit card from the bank.

- All old checkbooks will be destroyed
- There was a discussion about moving some money from checking to savings if interest is being made. Discussed some higher interest options.
- One application has been received for the Grace Tveiten grant. Kati is working on getting the missing information so a decision can be made.

Program Reports & Relevant Issues:

C.O.P.P. Program – There was a meeting regarding compliance last Wednesday. There were 9 volunteers present. Each volunteer was given a gift card for gas. The compliance checks are on going until August 21st. At that time all reports are due to Freedom Resource Center. Tom will compile and present the findings at the next MAMC meeting.

Awards Banquet – Next year's Awards Banquet will be on April 15th, 2010. Encourage your agencies and people you know to make nominations! Tom stated that Voc Rehab picks one "winner" from the Employment Award to move on to the North Dakota Awards Banquet.

Membership Development – Members discussed sign-up sheets that could be used again in the future. The officers will be discussing this in greater detail.

Fundraising – Members discussed the raffle held at the awards banquet last year. It was a success, raising over \$2000. It was decided that a raffle will be held again next year with multiple prizes. Laura agreed to write the grant for this.

Short Term Sub Committees:

Chic's Clues - It was noted that appropriately sized holders have not been found. It is possible to get holders custom made. Business card holders have worked well for some people but not others. Vicky will continue to look for holders. Jeanne asked everybody to look on-line at the updated version. Changes should be brought to Jeanne's attention or to the next MAMC meeting. The updated version will be printed and distributed at all Hornbacher's locations in October. Extras are kept at the IPAT office.

Disability Awareness Month - Disability Awareness month is October. A meeting will be held on August 27th, 2009 at Ruby Tuesdays (on 25th Street) for brainstorming ideas on how to celebrate and inform the public about this month. There will be a booth at "Business After Hours". Kathy agreed to contact Newman Signs to see if something regarding disability awareness month can be put on one of their LED signs. If anybody has any questions or would like to assist with planning, please contact Tammy.

Meeting Location – There were some concerns shared about meeting at Lonestar. It was noted that it is difficult to hear and the room is dark. On the positive side it is accessible and on a bus route. It was decided the next meeting will held at Lonestar. Laura will request a "U-shape" table arrangement. The location will be re-evaluated at the next meeting.

Announcements:

Mary Beth distributed flyers for Men's Wearhouse National Suit Drive. Men's Wearhouse is accepting donations for gently used men's suits to help men make a good impression at job interviews.

Next meeting is at Noon on Thursday, September 10th at Lone Star on 13th Ave in Fargo.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Secretary