

**Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Meeting Minutes
Location: West Acres Community Room
August 12, 2010**

Present: Vicky Bogart, Terry Romine, Jen Erickson, Nate Bailly, Jeff Anderson, Ronda Wilson, Dennis Krull, Jeannie Krull, Leon Schlafmann, Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Nate Bailey, Vicky Bogart, Jeremiah Zahnow, Brenda Schmid, Jeff Bjornson

Co-chairs presiding: Steve Pederson and Dave Pompe were unable to attend. Jeff Anderson acted as Co-chair.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Anderson

Checking: \$ 5536.33

GT grant: \$ 4696.29

Savings: \$ 1227.12

Total: \$ 11459.74

Steve discovered an approximant \$1800.00 surplus in the checking account and has been investigating the source of the money. Jeannie recommended speaking to Tom as he may know where the money came from.

Agenda and Minutes approved

Topics:

Discussion of Meeting Location/Schedule

The next meeting will be on Wednesday September 8th at Fryn' Pan. Jeff explained that historically there has been better attendance when the committee meetings are held at Fryn' Pan. It is a central location and is located on a bus route. The committee discussed having the meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Vicky stated that Wednesday meetings do not work for her. She will be sending out a survey this month and a decision will be made at the next meeting. It is believed that attendance will increase in the fall/winter months.

C.O.P.P.'s Update

Jeff provided a brief explanation of the C.O.P.P.'s program. It was noted that this program needs a leader from the committee as Cindy Collins no longer works for Freedom Resource Center. Jenn agreed to contact Freedom to see if they have a representative who would like to take over the program.

Grace Tveiten Grant

- Vicky explained the program to the new members in attendance.
- Discussion talked about how funds generated from parking violations are distributed through the grant.

- Currently our grant guidelines stipulate that grants are only awarded to an individual that lives or works in Fargo. Discussion was held regarding making funds available to Moorhead and the rest of the metro area since our committee serves the whole community. All members present agreed that the funds should be available to those who live in Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo and Dilworth.
- Nate agreed to do some further follow up on the laws regarding how/where the funds provided by the Fargo parking violations can be spent.
- Terry made a motion to develop a separate fund for residents who do not live in Fargo so they are able to access the funds. Jenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members in attendance. The grant will continue to be called the Grace Tveiten grant but will have a separate account for funds for residents of Moorhead, West Fargo and Dilworth.
- Vicky made a motion to put \$500 into the fund from the checking/savings account. Jeanie seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jeff also agreed to put the \$500 dollar's he received from Enderlie-Severson Award into that account.
- There was a discussion on how the fund would be replenished. It was decided that money raised from the raffle would be used to replenish the account.

October Events

- Committee members shared ideas for October/DEAM. It was agreed that because October is Disability Employment Awareness Month we should make an effort to market/spread the word as much as possible. Members are asked to show up to the September meetings with ideas!
- Vicky made a motion to purchase a booth at Business After Hours. Jenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members in attendance. There was a discussion about asking for a discounted rate due to our mission and being a non-profit organization. Business After Hours is on October 14th from 4:30pm-6:30pm at the FargoDome. A sign up sheet was passed around.
- Members discussed purchasing a full page advertisement in the Forum giving organizations the opportunity to thank those companies who employ people who have disabilities. The cost would then be split between the participating agencies. Ronda agreed to find out the cost and bring that information to the next meeting.
- There was a discussion about advertising in the Health and Living Magazine. Ronda agreed to contact the person in charge of this magazine and will bring information to the next meeting.
- Ronda shared some posters that she received from <http://www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org>.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel
Secretary