

**Meeting Minutes  
Metro Area Mayors Committee  
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)  
Location: Kroll's Diner, Fargo  
September 11, 2008**

**Present:** Jeff Anderson, Laura Eberhardt, Cornelius Grant, Matt Philipeu, Steve Pederson, Amanda Noce, Jen Erickson, Rikki Trageton, Joey (Joyce) Morken, Kathy Circle, Vicky Bogart, Dan Mahli, Elaine Kastrinos, Mark Mehlhoff, Tom Thompson, Willy McMahon, Sheri McMahon, Brenda Majerus

**Co-chairs presiding:** Jeff Anderson & Laura Eberhardt

The meeting minutes for the August 2008 meeting were approved by consensus.

**Treasurer's Report – Kati Langlie**

Checking: \$654.42  
Outstanding Bill to Chamber: \$272.00  
GT grant: \$4,142.83  
Savings: \$1,218.37  
Total: \$6,015.62

**Program Reports & Relevant Issues:**

Subcommittees: There is a need for subcommittees to develop and form: Membership Development, COPP's program and the Awards Banquet sign up sheets were passed around. There was dialogue regarding focusing on building committees with interest or building up membership with disability organizations.

**Awards Banquet Planning:** Nothing to report.

**C.O.P.P.**

After September 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be 85 places that need to be checked. Volunteers are needed to check locations to see if they are up to code. COPPs will gather information, give to the city and restart the process.

**Meeting Location:**

It was brought up that Kroll's is not on the bus route. It was determined to keep the meeting location on the agenda and for members to look for alternatives in the mean time.

**Disability Awareness Month:**

Dialogue surrounded the idea of spending a day with a person with a disability or putting on the "symptoms" of a disability. It was discussed whether this would be beneficial or whether it would only perpetuate stereotypes. It was discussed that we should research what is effective in disability awareness. It was suggested

that MAMC should focus on barriers and lack of resources as the problem instead of the barrier of the disability.

**Announcements:**

Business After Hours with the Chamber of Commerce is October 16 at the Fargodome. There is still a need for volunteers. A sign-up sheet was sent around. There was some dialogue about having brochures from each organization that makes up the MAMC.

Jody with CCRI announced they are hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk & Roll-a-Thon for Disability Awareness. The event is Saturday, September 20 at 9:00am. With over 350 people participating in Clay County it is CCRI's biggest fundraiser.

The Fargo Family Education Enhancement Team (FEET) is hosting a Parent Meet & Greet on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at the Fargo South High School, Commons Area. Please spread the word!

Ricki with Freedom Resource Center announced that they are hosting an Annual Banquet on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada. It is \$10/ticket which includes dinner and Billy Altom speaking from APRIL. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Freedom Resource Center is hosting a workshop on grassroots organization with Billy Altom from APRIL. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch.

Next meeting is at Noon on Thursday, October 9, 2008, at Kroll's Diner on Main Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Noce