

**Metro Area Mayors Committee  
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Location: Fryn Pan  
September 08, 2010**

**Present:** Jen Erickson, Ronda Wilson, Jeannie Krull, Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Dave Pompe, Ron Sandness, Steve Pederson, Tammy DeSautel, Jari Heringer, Tom Wirtz, Nate Aalgaard

**Co-chairs presiding:** Steve Pederson and Dave Pompe

**Treasurer's Report – Jeff Anderson**

Checking - Main	5,536.33
Checking - Grace Tveiten	4,696.29
Savings	<u>1,227.12</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,459.74</b>

**Agenda and Minutes:** Motion to approve – Tammy DeSautel 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jeannie Krull

- Jen requested that the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet under “Grace Tveiten Grant” be changed to reflect there will be a separate account for residents who live outside of Fargo. The funds from the city of Fargo will not be used in this separate account.
- Steve clarified the excess of \$1800 that was found in the checking account. He explained that this was due to a book keeping error.

**Topics:**

**C.O.P.P.’s Update**

Nate from Freedom Resource Center was asked if a representative from his agency will be chairing the C.O.P.P.’s committee. He asked for more information on the requirements of the program. Steve agreed to speak with Tom Thompson about this. There was also a discussion about proper signage. It was noted that many sign companies do not know the legal requirements of the signs. A list of companies who have/have not received education on this would be helpful.

**Membership Sub-Committee**

Steve informed the committee members that they would be receiving surveys later this afternoon to identify a day/time/location that works for most people for the meetings. It is the hope of the MAMC that this will help increase the number of members in attendance. As always, please invite others to attend the meetings.

**Grace Tveiten Grant**

No updates

## **October - Disability Employment Awareness Month Activities**

Business After Hours: Tammy stated that she is available to help out with the booth. Jen stated that she more then likely would be able to help out and would notify Steve. Steve, Marisa and Dave also stated that they would be able to help out. It was decided that there would be a “fishbowl” drawing at the booth. Jen made a motion to purchase a \$20 Village Inn gift card as the prize. Tammy seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in agreement.

Forum: The committee discussed purchasing an advertisement in the Fargo Forum. Ronda made a motion to spend under \$400 on an advertisement in the Fargo Forum. Jeanne seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in agreement. Ronda agreed to ask about an online ad and to see if they have a “combo” deal with the paper advertisement. She also agreed to contact the editors to see if they would like to do an article about the MAMC/parking violation fees and/or Employer of the Year/Herberger’s. Marisa agreed to speak with Todd Kurtz from WDAY to see if he would be interested in doing another news piece on an employee who has a disability.

Non Profit Awareness Day: There was a discussion about the MAMC participating in this event at West Acres Mall. Last year there was great difficulty in staffing the booth because it was held on a Friday until 9:00pm. A suggestion was made to place MAMC information at another organizations booth. Everybody felt this was a good idea. Ronda will be receiving more information about this and will share it with the MAMC.

## **Other Updates**

Tom Wirtz introduced himself to the committee. He is with the Department of Commerce and AmeriCorps. He explained the AmeriCorps program to the committee.

Rhonda shared information about the Self Advocacy Conference being held on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. There will also be a Halloween Ball on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn.

\*\*\*The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup>  
at noon at the Fryn’ Pan\*\*\*

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel  
Secretary