

**Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Meeting Minutes
Location: Fryn Pan
October 13, 2010**

Present: Brenda Schmid, Jean Thompson, Jeff Bjornson, Keith Bjornson, Leon Schlafmann, Jen Erickson, Ronda Wilson, Jeannie Krull, Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Dave Pompe, Steve Pederson, Tammy DeSautel, Jari Heringer, Tom Thompson, Terry Romine

Co-chairs presiding: Steve Pederson and Dave Pompe

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Anderson

Balance Sheet

Checking -		(+46.31)
Main	\$5,583.07	
**2022		
Checking - Grace		*(Interest not added yet)
Tveiten	\$4,696.67	
**6707		
Savings	<u>\$1,727.58</u>	(+ \$500 donation)
**9983		
Total Cash	\$12,007.32	

Income Statement

	MTD	YTD
Revenues		
Parking Fees	\$0.00	\$425.00
Raffle Money	\$0.00	\$50.00
Donations	\$500.00	\$500.00
Interest	\$0.88	\$2.85
	<i>*(GT interest not added yet)</i>	
Misc Revenue	<u>\$46.31</u>	<u>\$46.31</u>
Total		
Revenues	\$547.19	\$1,024.16
Expenses		
Project Funding	\$0.00	\$300.00
Dues & Fees	\$0.00	\$275.00
Meeting		
Expense	\$0.00	\$50.67
Misc Expense	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total		
Expenses	\$0.00	\$625.67
<u>Net Income</u>	\$547.19	\$398.49

Topics:

Survey Results

Steve shared the results from the survey sent out to all MAMC members last month. 21 people responded. There were a lot of great ideas but the consensus was to meet at the Fyrn' Pan for a lunch meeting on the third Thursday of each month. Steve reserved the smaller meeting room. It was also decided that the MAMC will not meet in the month of June however sub-committee will meet during that time.

C.O.P.P.'s Update

Tom provided a history and update on the C.O.P.P.'s program. When the program first started, the focus was on writing tickets to people who were illegally parked in accessible parking, crosswalks and fire lanes. A team of people were deputized to write tickets and would patrol certain areas. However because the compliance rate was only 6%, there were very few areas to patrol. The campaign changed to educating businesses about the laws of having a fee indicator, blue sign and stripping and the international symbol. The compliance rate is now 40% however more must be done. Businesses that are not in compliance should be encouraged to meet the codes so the laws can be enforced. Tom asked everybody to provide education and awareness to businesses while they are out shopping, eating, etc. Names and addresses of businesses that are not in compliance can be forwarded on to the city inspections for follow up. The city attorney will need to be approached about deputizing a new group of volunteers. If a business states there are no laws regarding accessible parking, they should be referred to: 2009 International Building Code section 1106. Tom shared a color brochure that another community uses to educate businesses. The brochure was well received and everybody felt it would be beneficial for the MAMC to have some made. Tom agreed to look into prices of the brochures.

Grace Tveiten Grant

No updates

October - Disability Employment Awareness Month Activities

Business After Hours: Jen, Tammy, Dave and Vicky will be attending Business After Hours this evening. Steve and Marisa will also be attending as part as their organizations but are available to help out as needed. There will be a sign up sheet for those who are interested in more information about MAMC. There will also be a fish bowl drawing for a \$20 gift card to Village Inn.

Forum: The MAMC members decided that a "thank you" advertisement should still be published in the Fargo Forum. Steve asked for volunteers to form a sub committee to develop that advertisement. Steve, Tammy and Ronda agreed to meet. Jen agreed to contact Mila from the Forum about the possibility of doing an article about LaDonna and the receiving department at Herberger's. Steve agreed to speak to LaDonna.

Non Profit Awareness Day: The MAMC will not have a booth at the even. Ronda and Marisa agreed to have MAMC literature available at the Connections booth.

Other Updates

Tom Thompson agreed to resume his role as the lead person when planning the awards banquet.

Ronda shared information about the Self Advocacy Conference and dance. She also shared the “Yes You Can” PSA with all news channels however they made no guarantees to air it.

Jeannie shared an upcoming conference on Assistive Technology and Dementia that will be held at IPAT. More information can be found at the IPAT website.

Leon Schlafmann introduced himself as the Emergency Planner for Fargo. His goal is to provide support for those who might need additional assistance during an emergency or disaster. When asked for areas of concern for those who have special needs, it was noted that medications are particularly important during an emergency situation. Ronda shared information about Red River Resilience which is organization that assist people with their mental health after a disaster.

****The next meeting will be on Thursday November 18th
at Fryn’ Pan****

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel
Secretary