

**Metro Area Mayors Committee  
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Location: Pizza Ranch  
November 12, 2009**

**Present:** Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Kathy Circle, Kati Langlie, Steve Pederson, Keith Bjornson, Sherry Bjornson, Tammy DeSautel, Jeannie Krull, Lisa Schornack, Dave Pompe, Amanda Francis, Nate Bailly, Terry Romine

**Co-chairs presiding:** Steve Pederson

**Last Meeting's Minutes and Agenda:** Motion to approve - Tammy DeSautel  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeanne Krull

**Treasurer's Report – Kati Langlie**

Checking:	\$2569.40
GT grant:	\$3523.49
• Deposit:	\$225.00
• Paid: Best Buy	\$212.99
Savings:	\$1224.48
Total:	\$7,317.37

**Bills:**

Freedom: \$100  
Sam's Club: \$34.11  
Hornbacher's: \$539.25  
Hope Inc.: \$150.00  
Terry Romine: \$215.00  
Chamber: \$201.00  
Knight: \$531.17

**Program Reports & Relevant Issues:**

**C.O.P.P. Program** – Tom was unable to attend the meeting. Steve shared a brief update from Tom. In January the city will be sending a letter to each business that was in non-compliance. It was noted that improvements are often seen after the business receives the letter.

**Awards Banquet** – The sub-committee will begin meeting after January. Steve recommended that the committee start working on nomination forms as people tend to wait until the last minute to get this done. Free Resource Center will be providing the nomination for "Universal Access."

**Membership Development** – No update

## Short Term Sub Committees:

**Chic's Clues** – Jeanne informed the committee that 10,000 new Chick's Clue's have been re-printed. Due to an error at the printer, they were digitally printed which is a nicer quality. (There was no additional cost to MAMC) Chick's Clue's are kept at Freedom, Connections and IPAT. Kathy agreed to work on a holder for the cards. Jeff Anderson has a list of places that have received Chick's Clues. Steve agreed to contact Jeff to get this list so the MAMC members can begin to replenish the cards.

**Disability Employment Awareness Month** – Tammy provided the members with an update of DEAM activities.

- The open house at Freedom Resource's was unsuccessful. Only 20 people showed up the entire night, including members from the MAMC. The DEAM team had planned for 100 people. On behalf of the DEAM team, Tammy shared her disappointment. The team worked with recommendations for the MAMC and asked all members to send out invitations so it is unknown where it "went wrong." Tammy recommended discontinuing this event in the future.
- WDAY featured a story about a person who has a disability and is competitively employed in the community. The person receives services from Connections. It was nicely done.
- Business After Hours was a success. Laura reported making a few connections with people at the event. The members discussed putting more effort into this event and participating more than once a year.
- Non-profit day at West Acres received a mixed response. Tammy mentioned it was hard to find volunteers to staff the booth all day. It was noted that they event was held on a Friday and many people already had other plans. Steve noted that he was at the booth in the evening and didn't receive much of a response since most people at the mall were teenagers. Steve met a woman who does advertising in a local magazine related to disability issues. She will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the possibility of the MAMC doing some advertising in the magazine. Marisa explained that she worked at the booth in the morning and the crowd tended to be more of the "older" retirement age population. She had a couple of great conversations with some people who had questions about the MAMC.

There was a discussion about the meeting locations. Those in attendance felt the Pizza Ranch was a good choice and decided to have the next meeting there.

**\*\*\*The next meeting is at Noon on Thursday, December 10th at the Pizza Ranch on 45<sup>th</sup> Street. \*\*\***

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel, Secretary