

Meeting Minutes
Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Location: Kroll's Dinner, Main Avenue, Fargo
December 11, 2008

Present: Laura Eberhardt, Jennifer Luther Olson, Amanda Noce, Kati Langlie, BrendaMajerus, Keith, Tammy DeSautel, Tom Thompson, Steve Pederson, Jeannie Krull, Ronda Wilson, Vicky Bogart, Mary Tintes

Co-chairs presiding: Laura Eberhardt

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

Treasurer's Report – Kati Langlie

Checking: \$815.56

GT grant: \$3511.48

Savings: \$1221.41

Total: \$5548.45

There are no Grace Tveiten applications pending. Two applications were paid totaling \$336.00.

Program Reports & Relevant Issues:

Awards Banquet Planning: Tom reported that Steve, Brenda and him met to make some changes to the nomination forms. The new forms were passed around and should be available on the website soon. Tom requested members to bring these nominations back to your respective agencies to distribute. The committee also came up with a list of agencies to whom the nominations letters will be sent.

In addition, sponsorship request letters will go out at the end of January or beginning of February. Please send any ideas for sponsors to Tom to help subsidize the cost of the banquet.

C.O.P.P.: Tom requested that individuals be on the lookout for businesses that may not be in compliance with the law. Tom will present at the January meeting on 'what to look for' regarding issues of accessible parking.

Membership Development: Nothing to report.

Fundraising Committee: The MAMC will be doing a raffle. A grant is being submitted to Wal-Mart in January after the holidays. Tickets will be sold for \$5 and the goal is to raise \$2,000. Other fundraising ideas were discussed such as selling coupon books, participating in It's A Wonderful Night, etc.

Meeting Location: It was decided to continue to meet at Kroll's Dinner on Main through June and to reevaluate the situation in 6 months. Laura offered to arrange any rides or speak with anyone about the location since it is not directly on a bus route.

Meeting Dates: Concern was expressed over the April 30th Award Luncheon. Typically the luncheon falls near the April meeting and is done in lieu of the April meeting. Since it is not close in 2009, it was decided not to forgo the April meeting.

Appeals Committee: Metro Area Transit (MAT) asked MAMC to decide on any paratransit appeals they receive. The committee decision is final.

Membership: The meeting was opened up to membership announced. Dialogue was exchanged regarding the website. It was discussed that 'Links' should be changed to 'Announcements and the title of the site 'FM Area Mayor's Committee' should be changed to Metro Area Mayor's Committee. It was further discussed to change the verbiage on the website from award nominations to 'awards' or 'awards banquet'. In the future, adding sponsors or previous winners under that category would be likely. The committee would like to add fundraisers when appropriate as well as include an area for donations to the committee.

If you see anything that needs to be changed on the website, please let Laura know. The goal is to make it userfriendly.

Next meeting is at Noon on **Thursday, January 8, 2009**, at Kroll's Diner on Main Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Noce