

DHHSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2009

DHHSC Fresno HQ

Tonight's meeting dedicated in Loving Memory Mike Timms

Call to Order – 7:05p.m. Dave Smith presiding

II. Board Members Present: Dave Smith, President (DS), Bryan Minas, Vice-President (BM), John Eberwein, General Member (JE), Rosemary Diaz, Secretary (RD)

Board Members Absent: None

DHHSC Staff Members Present: Michelle Bronson, Executive Director

Visitors: Tami Garcia, Susan Coulter, Jose Blanco, Sue Stone, Martha Coletti, Ryan Scottt, Rebecca Sortwell, Jonathan Silva, Janet Drane, Brenen Imo, Heather Jordan,

Interpreters: Nicole Wolfe, Pam Warkentin

Public Comments (3 minutes per visitor) – None

Approval of Agenda Items – approved by consent correction of Roman Numerals 14/15

Approval of **September 9, 2009** Board Minutes – approved by consent as read

President's Report – DS - Rummage Sale on Friday/Saturday - very successful and it was a lot of fun!

Vice-President's Report – BM - Thank everyone for coming - working on setting up gift wrapping during Christmas time at Barnes and Noble. I am working with Manager of Community Events there named Mark and he will be emailing me to give a list of available dates.

Secretary's Report – RD - discussion regarding keeping binders for board members – agreed that they are no longer of benefit therefore staff may recycle the documents inside and reuse the binders.

Treasurer's Report – RD - **report up to Sept 8, 2009** - Financial Report distributed and reviewed.

Executive Director's Report – Michelle Bronson

\$5,248.34 for booster club

Rummage sale profit is \$593.00

Deaf-blind Support Group had baked good sales \$44.30

No pending lawsuits at this time

Shelley Stout from our SVO office did an interview on Comcast about DHHSC, will soon be on the air – the interview is 5 minutes.

October is Disability Awareness Month increase in number of booth requests, tomorrow will be doing a presentation at PELCO

2010 Valley Deaf Festival will have a safari theme, volunteer assistant manager of Starbucks will get donations

African cups, different animals of jungle types of animals - will collect for children and adults

Next week will start ASL classes on Tuesdays for beginners and then Thursdays will be an advance class for those who took the beginning class last summer. Classes are 8 weeks long.

Committee Reports –

A. Personnel Committee – DS - Need one more person with me to complete the evaluations

B. Bylaws Committee – RD - none

C. Fundraising Committee – none

D. Outreach Committee – Becky Sortwell from Merced, new position filled by Virginia Beach, Case Manager part time, DASH, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access to Safety and Health Education - is a new grant and Gin is heading up that effort. Matthew Mackenzie, he got another job and we want to thank him for his hard work. CJ Mayfield has resigned as chairperson of AC, and now we have Joe Sortwell as chairperson. We do have four new AC members. Now we have a total of 8 people on the AC. We will have Inspirational Day Camp next year in 2010- this event is very successful. We will be

able to expand to outlying areas and include more school districts and children in the program. Angelica Martinez is involved with County of Education in a program called "Bridge to Independence" which will allow for more outreach to more deaf and hard of hearing children.

E. Elections: will make recommendations under new business

General Board Comments – Read card given to board members from Alissa Vigil former board member.

Unfinished Business – Motion to have New Business then Unfinished Business M/S/P

A Appointment of chair for grant monitoring committee - postpone to November

B. Appointment of chair for roundtable committee - postpone to November.

New Business –

A. Recommendations from board interview committee for new board membership

Motion to accept Tami Garcia, Jonathan Silva, Jose Blanco, and Sue Stone as new General Board Members M/S/P

Motion to accept Patty Parker, Reno and Martha Coletti, and Paul and Anne Ogden as Honorary Board Members M/S/P

B. Elections - DS will like us to elect a treasurer - we will need nominations for a new President in December. My term will end of 6 years will end in December 2009. January will take nominations for Vice President. Nominations for treasurer - discussion is to bring nominations and do elections in November. DS - please *place this under Unfinished Business for next month.*

C. Approval for Vacation for Executive Director from March 29 through April 2010. M/S/P

XIV. Public Comments (specific to agenda – 3 minutes per visitor) – None

XV. Announcements –

A. Deaf Night at the Theater "Into the Woods" play at Mercedes Edwards Theater on October 15

B. CARE Registration Workshop, Tuesday October 20, 4 to 6 p.m.

C. Deaf - The Power of Pink! Team will participate in Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure - Saturday, October 24

D. Halloween Party at DHHSC, October 27 - 6 to 9 p.m.

XVI. Adjournment – **7:55 p.m.**

Date of Next Local Board Meeting: November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. DHHSC – Fresno

Approved November 10, 2009 - submitted by Rosemary W. Diaz, Secretary

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