



DHHSC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6pm, Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- I. Call to Order –
Board members Present: Patricia Parker, Trisha Houston, Janice Smith-Warshaw, Steve Longo, Lavinia Espinosa, Serena Johnson
 - II. Approval of Agenda Items
 - III. Approval of February board minutes
 - a. Steve Longo moves to accept minutes as read
 - b. Patty Parker 2nds
 - IV. President's Report – Janice Smith-Warshaw
 - a. Presentation of Award
 - i. Gift presented to Mary Pigott in appreciation of her contributions to the DHHSC
 - ii. President indicates that while DHHCS is has been fortunate, we are sensitive to the needs of DACARA, our sister agency in the Bay Area. We are hopeful that the executive director will be able to return to his duties.
 - iii. Tickets for our 35th anniversary celebration maybe be purchased from Catherine Murphy. The cost is \$35 for a single individual, and \$60 for a couple
 - V. Vice President's Report – Lynn Toschi--absent
 - VI. Secretary's Report – Serena Johnson
 - VII. Treasurer's report – Steve Longo
 - VIII. Executive Director's report– Michelle Bronson
- Budget Updates:

We recently received a check for \$1,000 for our grant application with Central California Women's Conference for our deSIGN art workshops for women and children. We are grateful for their ongoing support of our work as this is their third year of funding us.

Within the past few weeks, Jesse and I submitted three grant applications, and they were with Harden Foundation, Community Foundation Small Impact, and Chapman Foundation. We also completed two final grant reports with Central California Women's Conference for the recent grant cycle and Harden Foundation. We are hopeful we will

continue receiving grant funding from Harden Foundation and get the other two new grants.

We are currently working on a Letter of Inquiry with Milbank Foundation, and if approved to apply, we will request funding for services for our D/HH senior citizens. We are also currently working on a grant with Central Valley Community Foundation and reapplying with Fansler Foundation for the next grant cycle.

I am excited to share that a Rotarian from Rotary Club of Fresno contacted me yesterday and again today to let me know that her club will be meeting tomorrow morning to approve \$4K for our Raise the Roof campaign, leaving only \$24.90 to fundraise! North Fresno Rotary Club had also committed to donate \$3K last fall but we have not heard their final decision yet. However, they have requested that I come and do a presentation on DHHSC's services and programs next month on April 18th. If they do decide to donate, which I sure hope they do, I am hoping we can use the funds for our upcoming 35th Anniversary since our roof will already be paid off by then.

Staff Trainings:

I recently did three trainings on Deaf culture and how to provide communication access for D/HH individuals for Marjaree Mason Center staff and their community partners. I will soon do two trainings for Amazon, and one of our staff, Viridiana, will soon do training with Down's Syndrome Association of Central California.

Our Sierra HR Partners have been providing many professional development trainings, including Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Successful People, for our Staff Development Days as our EDD grant covers staff training. I am also working with CSDF to arrange trainings for our staff, including bilingual language development and how to effectively teach literacy skills during home visits.

Agency Events:

We hosted our 16th Annual Martha's Vineyard in the Valley on March 2nd, and it was a very successful event. We had 483 paid admissions (almost double from last year) and sold \$370.45 worth of bookstore items. Sign & Sew Guild sold \$33.00 worth of tickets for their quilt raffle, and our Deaf Blind Support Group raised \$185.35 in "sweets" sales. We were also able to sell three tickets for our 35th Anniversary at the event. And, I am pleased to share that Trisha and Cat sold the last 10 of the 200 Years of Deaf Education shirts! The \$55.00 in sales went into the Board fund and we are now done with those shirts.

We are currently in the planning stages for our Deaf Summer Camp that will take place the second week of June, 35th Anniversary that will be hosted on May 11th, Family Day scheduled for March 30th, and YES! Job Awareness Fair that will be held on May 1st.

Our Deaf Prom committee will convene next Tuesday with Fresno County D/HH staff. The tentative date for the Deaf Prom is May 18th, and we will keep you posted once confirmed. We've been very busy with all the events going on but I am very proud of staff for leading, co-chairing, and assisting with the event planning. When we met in January, I listed all the 2019 events and staff signed up for which event(s) they want to be responsible for, which allows us to more evenly distribute the event duties and responsibilities while fitting events to their interests.

- IX. Fundraising report – Trisha Houston
- X. General Board comments
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New business
 - a. Selection of date for Community Comments
 - i. Suggestion of August 3rd for community comments because the earlier in the month people typically have more funds.
 - b. Selection of date Rummage Sale
 - i. Discussion of dates for rummage sale. Trisha suggests having one in spring and fall. President indicates that twice a year is a tremendous amount of work. Susan indicates that the reason for moving the rummage sale to October was that other groups had reserved our room. Secretary Johnson recommends moving rummage sale to spring time to coincide with people wanting to do spring cleaning. After discussion it was suggested that we reserve April 4, 2020 for our next rummage sale.
 - ii. Michelle indicates that the community want to know more about the process of requesting interpreters. She suggests that we can provide this training to individuals during community comments. Board president agrees
 - c. Purchasing tables of 8 for 35th anniversary event
 - i. Trisha moves that we have an option to allow Deaf community members to purchase a table for the 35th anniversary gala for \$200. 2nd by Patricia Parker. Motion passes.
 - d. Donate from board private fund to support 35th anniversary event
 - i. Michelle indicates that Classic Catering cost \$6,000, which was the best price from all the competitors. Tree of Life also had reasonable costs, and would cost approximately \$7,000. Steve Longo moves that we donate from board funds \$2,000 for the 35th anniversary gala. 2nd by Trisha Houston. Motion passes
- XIII. Public comments: 3 minutes
- XIV. Announcements
 - a. Students from service learning classes at Fresno State have set up knitting and crocheting classes here at DHHSC. We have also added cross stitch classes.
- XV. Closed session (if needed)
- XVI. Adjournment-6:42pm