

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH)

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

Attendees: Marion Huxtable, Bonnie Bolster, Travis Rowland, Miranda Nash,
Guest; Jack McCreary

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe, Pat Teal

Introductions:

Additions to Agenda: Action items, Travis would like to record the action items and communicate them after the meeting showing the items we discussed. Travis will create the list.

Minutes:

Marion moves to approve November minutes and Travis seconds. All approve.

Treasurer's Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$4898.47. Emergency acct. balance: \$528.69.

Bonnie presented the treasury report for 2016. Operation funds estimated for 2017, \$220.00.

Bonnie will be filing the Yearly taxes by 990-N E-post form.

Bench donations raised so far \$1,745.03.

Bonnie needs a signature for the reimbursement for part of the plaque cost.

Marion would like a master list of all the bench donations.

Travis will help Bonnie create an excel form to calculate the finance spreadsheet. Travis will put this on the action item list.

Board Membership:

- **Board Member Elections:** Marion would like to check when each person was elected and Bonnie has looked in the DASH bylaws and each election term is two years. Bonnie says the annual meeting is held "The first Tuesday in June" for the purpose of electing the board".
- **Board recruitment:** Marion will ask Pat Teal, and Leesa Monroe when they will be back. Travis asked how many members are required, Bonnie said no fewer than 7 no more than 17, with 50% comprised of those with disabilities. Travis would like to make the Goal 10 board members. Marion would like a wider demographic of disabilities to offer the group more perspective.

- Goals: Recruit at least one new board member within the next three months.

Jefferson Healthcare:

January 16th, 1:30pm DASH will be conducting the post construction Jefferson Healthcare Hospital evaluation. DASH will be using a checklist of suggestions provided to JHC before construction. Travis would like the list and scout out the site before the evaluation.

ACAC:

All the invoices for ads in The Leader were submitted to Anna on time.

- **Representation on committee:** Bonnie will be resigning her position from the ACAC, Pat Teal will continue as DASH's representation.
- **Volunteer Hours Count:** Pat Teal would like to know a total of DASH's volunteer hours for the past two years for ACAC Grants for the next ACAC meeting to present what DASH has contributed grants. Pat would like to re-submit the idea for a grant for evaluation tools. Bonnie would like to get a vote to give Pat the go ahead to push the idea to the ACAC. Travis thinks that DASH should focus our energy for grants for larger items, like motorized chairs and suggest projects that are easily supported. Travis says we have the funds for evaluation tools. Marion thinks we could get basic evaluation tools and devices like leg and arm weights for about \$150.00. Board members like Marion's idea of a vest with multiple pockets to carry our evaluation tools; research needed.

Regarding the email DASH received from Faith Morgan, Bonnie would like to set up a partnership with Fort Worden.

Travis suggested Point Hudson, which is used by Gathering Place. They go for a walks around Port Hudson and the Port may need some pedestrian improvements for safety. Jack McCreary suggested a mobility lift to get disabled people into the water, boats, etc. at the maritime Center. Marion spoke with Jake, the director of the Maritime Center some time ago, who expressed interest in this. Marion will ask Jake what they would need to get people in the water. Travis suggested some type of sailing program. Jack also suggested that Lawrence Street has terrible problem with curb cuts, as a match grant to the city to fix Lawrence Street.

- **Tally of funding donated by DASH members:** Pat also would like to know the funding donated by DASH members for items member's use for DASH work like printers, paper, ink etc.
- **Fairgrounds Evaluation for ACAC:** ACAC needs information about the fairgrounds for research on possible grants for improvements. DASH will currently table this for a letter discussion.

Inclusive Recreation:

There is funding left in inclusive Recreation and Travis suggests we spend this on tools.

- Goals: Travis suggested we do an event, like the Walk and Roll event or Dance. Bonnie suggested there may be problems with the event for people with disabilities. Travis also suggested a kickball tournament where players assume a disability as a fund raiser. Travis will make this an action item for members to think about events that would raise awareness and include the community.
Bonnie suggested the Walk and Roll event for the Rhody Parade. Travis would also like to inquire about the races during Rhody week and if they have inclusive races before the main events and if there is not how DASH can set it up.
- Non-Motorized Transportation Board Walking and Trails map: Pat wanted to make sure DASH knew about the map. It has a very good overview of the trails.

Bench Update:

- Funds Raised: \$455 left to raise. Travis suggests to ask the Hospital for the remaining amount. Jack said he will donate \$100.00.
Marion will write to Hilary and let her know where the donations are and see if the Hospital will donate the rest. Travis also suggested a garage sale, and that we donate items to sell and raise. The Tri-area community center hosts a weekend sale. Miranda will find out the details.
- Plaque: Bonnie has received the plaque and displayed it for everyone to see.

DASH Donation:

- DASH Website: Website statistics, Travis will find out if we are getting more traffic.
- Chamber of Commerce: Marion said we have \$170 that we have not spent in the Rotary fund, the membership will cost \$190.00. Marion will have CoC invoice DASH.
- PT Leader Community Calendar: Pat wanted to know if we wanted to be included in this calendar. Contact information and meeting date.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, at the Community Center.