

# **Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH)**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

**Attendees:** Marion Huxtable, Bonnie Bolster, Miranda Nash, Pat Teal, Jack McCreary

**Absent:** Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe

### **Additions to Agenda:**

JC for the Blind

### **Minutes:**

Jack moves to approve January Minutes, Pat seconds, all approve.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

DASH regular acct. balance: \$4,344.07. Emergency acct. balance: \$7.77.

Actual available regular account funds are \$4149.07 and General Use funds \$2033.80. \$195.00 check to Jefferson Co. Chamber of Commerce for dues Feb 2018 thru Jan 2019 is ready to mail after second signature. \$50 Donation from Susan Marett was deposited 1/2/2018.

Bonnie filed DASH taxes.

Pat has an invoice for reimbursement for copies of accommodations evaluations forms for \$15.04.

### **City Projects:**

Marion and Pat met with Laura Parsons, who is overseeing the Water Street construction, and suggested they install tiles in the sidewalk/ signs that tell people to walk their bicycles or other modal devices for pedestrian safety. The Non-Motorized transportation board have created a few samples of the signs. There will need to be city approval to install the signs.

The City of Port Townsend is redesigning/ updating their website. Pat emphasized to the city, they should collaborate with DASH and JCCB for ADA accessibility.

Construction on Jefferson Street will be upgraded with sidewalks this summer, adding an additional ADA route from uptown to downtown, and a crosswalk at Quincy and Washington.

### **Website updates:**

Joanna with the City is going to write up a paragraph on an assisted listening devices and where they will be available for DASH to add to the website. The group discussed whether DASH should inquire about how to make the city listening devices available to non-city related functions when these locations are rented out.

**Overnight Accommodations Evaluations:**

Evaluations of the Aladdin are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8th this week, and The Port Hadlock Inn and The Old Alcohol Plant are scheduled for next week.

There have been no responses to letters sent to local B and B's. Pat would like to know how much effort we should put into contacting local B and B's. Bonnies suggested DASH research a bit more.

Bonnie will begin planning the general outline for the brochure, but will need to read the evaluations to determine how the brochure should be laid and categorized.

Recommendations concerning kits for guests who are deaf or hard of hearing. Emily will research which kit is best for hotels/motels should have.

**JC Council for the Blind:**

At the last JCCB meeting, for community outreach and exposure it was suggested they have a booth at the county fair this year, or partner with other groups who have a booth. Another suggestion was to have a table at the all-county picnic. Pat would like DASH to partner with JCCB with a table at the county picnic and suggest partnering with UGN

**UGN meeting Pat attended debriefing:**

Pat attended the UGN meeting. DASH's request for funding was discussed and UGN are actively looking for someone to provide funding for the accommodations guide in order to be able to publish in the spring. UGN is considering implementing a program that allows donors to choose which agencies they want to donate to. There will no longer be a black out for members to ask for funds during UGN campaign.

**ACAC meeting and proposed guidelines:**

Pat sent out the ACAC proposed guidelines. Pat suggested the rules of open public meeting act should be included.

**Trails:**

There is no update to trail evaluations, the weather has not been permitting for extensive trail evaluations.

**Next meeting:**

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.