

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

Attendees: Bonnie Bolster, Miranda Nash, Pat Teal, Jack McCreary

Absent: Marion Huxtable, Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe

Guests: Mark McCauley, Carol McCreary

Additions to Agenda:

Pat would like to send Sue Marret a thank you for her recent donation to DASH.

Introductions:

Mark McCauley is the Jefferson County ADA Coordinator.

Carol McCreary from PHLUSH.

Minutes:

Jack moves to approve April's summary minutes. Bonnie seconds, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$ 4134.03. Emergency acct. balance: \$7.77.

\$20.00 check to Emergency Account needs second signature and someone to deposit it at First Federal, on Sims across from QFC, to avoid a \$25 fee for no activity in the Emergency Account for a year. Last activity in that account was reimbursement to Debra R. for supplies with check #1022 dated 6/6/2017. \$10.00 check to Bonnie Bolster for nonprofit fee for WA Annual Report is not posted yet.

County's New Website Feature: Mark McCauley presented to the group a new feature on Jefferson County's website where visitors can review videos of board meetings and stream meetings live. [

<http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/129/Agendas-Minutes>]

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Sue Ammeter- Pat brought a copy of Sues Memorial to share with the group.

Overnight Accommodations Brochure:

Bonnie sent out the draft for the overnight accommodations brochure to the board members.

Accessibility information regarding several of the locations listed needs to be confirmed. The group discussed this information, and which places may need to be followed up with.

Voting Accessibility Meeting:

Jack McCreary attended the Voting Accessibility meeting; AVU Accessible voting unit- trying to transition to computer app called "My Ballot." Outreach to the community is one of the more difficult challenges.

Pat spoke with Betty Johnson- Election Supervisor for the County- and would like to add link to the accessible voting webpage on the DASH website.

Post Office:

Jack McCreary and Pat Teal had a meeting with Mary-Jane Duff on April 16th, 2018, had a good meeting arranged with her offsite, agreed the post office was inaccessible, followed up with DASH with an email to her supervisors regarding a bid to install ramps for access into the post office. Jack would like Pat to call her and follow up with the proposal. Pat suggested an alternative solution or supplemental service would be for the Quimper Mercantile to implement a post office substation.

Carol--Boiler Room ideas:

Carol McCreary from PHLUSH had a meeting at the boiler room regarding restroom management and public restrooms. Carol met with a woman, who requested looking at restroom access particularly in the QFC's. Pat suggested that DASH has evaluated both QFC and Safeway in the past and included them in the latest restaurant guide. PHLUSH applied for a grant to develop signage for shops downtown to voluntarily post for public bathroom location, availability, and hours.

Carol also has a meeting with Tammi Rubert, Jefferson Transit's General Manager, regarding the new bathroom at Haines Place.

Carol attended a Jefferson Community Foundation, UGN had merged with JCF last year. Carol suggested DASH join up with JCF and get listed on their site for donations.

Port Townsend Library:

The new library director at Port Townsend library has refused to carry DASH's accessibility brochures. Pat has not sent in a complaint form regarding the refusal, and wanted DASH's input. DASH thinks the Library is an important and central information hub for Port Townsend, and that DASH should file a complaint to the City.

NMTB: Thursday, May 3, 6 pm.

Pat mentioned that there has been a change in the Board composition and there are openings.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.