

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Community Center

Present: Pat Teal, Leesa Monroe, Marion Huxtable, Bonnie Bolster

Absent: Julie Duke, Liz Heffern

Guests: Emily Mandelbaum

Introductions

DASH Board members welcomed guest Emily Mandelbaum.

Public Access

Meeting with Jefferson Health Care

Marion and Pat attended a meeting with hospital administrators Mike Glenn, Chief Executive Officer and Paula Dowdle, Chief Operations Officer regarding improving access for hospital visitors and patients. (Paula has recently been appointed the hospital's ADA Coordinator.)

Marion and Pat presented four pages of recommendations for the current and new hospital facilities. The list of recommendations was prepared by DASH Board members with input from Emily Mandelbaum, representing hearing impaired citizens; and Sue Ammeter, Nancy Kelly-Patnode, Carl and Cathy Jarvis providing input for people with visual disabilities. Mr. Glenn and Ms. Dowdle went over the list in depth, listened and were responsive to DASH's suggestion they will give the document to the hospital's architect.

The next hospital board meeting is Wednesday, April 16 at 3:30. Marion will send the document of suggestions to the Hospital Commissioners.

Pat and Marion have a follow up meeting scheduled with Mike Glenn on April 30 at 2:00 in the hospital's Executive Conference Room.

Port of Port Townsend

The WSU and Gathering Place space rented at the Port (discussed at previous DASH meeting) remains an agenda item for DASH. We will check if WSU Extension has an ADA coordinator.

Carnegie Library Evaluation

Keith Darrock from the PT library contacted DASH. The library has been under construction; Keith asked if DASH could assess signage needs prior to them moving back

into the building. DASH members will conduct an evaluation on Thursday, April 3 at 2:30.

DASH was invited by to participate with UGN in the Rhody Parade and at the county fair. Bonnie will represent DASH in the Rhody Parade.

Minutes

Approval of minutes from February 2014 and March 2014

Treasurer's report

Regular account \$1251.63 and emergency account \$533.69

Bonnie received an email from UGN confirming DASH will receive a donation; the dollar amount was not included in the email.

Follow up

Leesa will check the post office box for a UGN confirmation letter.

Board members will discuss printing and updating the restaurant brochures at the May meeting. The amount of the UGN donation will help determine how much funding is available for printing.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm

Next meeting –Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Community Center 12:00-2:00