

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

**Date:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Community Center

**Present:** Pat Teal, Leesa Monroe, Bonnie Bolster, Liz Heffern, Marion Huxtable

**Absent:** Julie Duke

**Guests:** none

**Introductions** n/a

### **Minutes**

June meeting minutes approved

### **Treasurer's Report**

No change, regular account \$1251.63 and emergency account \$533.69

### **Grant Funding**

Pat has yet to hear back from Anna McEnery regarding the Governor's Committee on Disability Grant. The county applied for the grant so DASH needs to go through Anna to proceed. Pat will call Anna this week and ask about next steps, deadlines to apply and what we can do to help. (The grant is called, Accessible Community Act Project Plan. DASH would like to use grant funds to print restaurant guides, venue guides, maps and to update the DASH website).

The group discussed how grants usually ask how you will maintain a long term plan when the grant funds run out. (DASH did not receive UGN funding this year.) DASH may need to show some potential long term funding sources to qualify for a grant.

### **Donation Funding and Recruiting Board Members**

Seaport Landing was discussed as a potential source of funding. Seaport contributes money to charities in the second part of the year. DASH applied a couple of years ago but never heard back. A suggestion was do a presentation on what DASH does and include in the presentation we are looking for board members and may have future projects that will need funding.

Other suggestions included presenting at Quimper Unitarian; at the hospital to physical/occupational therapists and reconnecting with people who previously participated in "Assume a Disability Events". Marion will talk with Nora Regan.

### **White Books**

Bonnie has almost completed two copies (a master copy and a back up) of the white books. (The books have contacts, history, non-profit status and other pertinent documentation for DASH.)

## **Accessible Port Townsend Maps**

The maps DASH produced are dated May 2008. The group discussed updates we would need to look at prior to reprinting including: restroom locations and curb cuts. Pat will talk to Tyler Johnson and ask if the city has a list of which curbcuts have been done since the 2008 printing. Bonnie spoke with a woman from Bainbridge a few years ago who was a NMSS (National Multiple Sclerosis Society) support group leader. The woman had found one of DASH's maps, loved it and took it to the appropriate person in her city government and asked if he could do the same. He was happy to make the map for their city. It was all very easily accomplished.)

## **Follow up/carryover items**

### **Port of Port Townsend** (carryover from previous meetings)

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.

**Hospital** – awaiting update from hospital (their budget to be worked out)

**Update Map** – as funds and volunteer time permit

**Next meeting** – Tuesday, September 2, 2014 12:00- 2:00, Community Center