

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

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Community Center

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

Absent: Julie Duke

Guests: Carl and Cathy Jarvis

Introductions

n/a

Minutes

May meeting minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

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

Grant Funding

Pat reviewed her notes from the initial conversation with Toby Olsen/Anna McEnery regarding the Governor's Committee on Disability Grant. Pat has been waiting to hear from Anna about the next meeting. Priorities for DASH are 1) when is the deadline to apply? and 2) when the grant can be expected to be awarded? Pat will see if she can contact Toby directly so we don't miss the deadline.

Website Redesign

Board member's ideas for the website were reviewed with Carl and Cathy for feedback to make the website user friendly to people with vision impairments. Cathy and Carl shared:

- Most people with vision impairments will have some type of software to enhance/zoom text or speak software
- Instructions to assist the user to enlarge fonts should be placed at the top right corner of the webpage; an example can be found on the WA State Services for the Blind website and American Foundation for the Blind
- When providing instructions use text, do not say "click the box" the person will not know what box
- Screen reader software reads across the page so text that is side by side in blocks runs together
- Bold black font on a yellow, buff or wheat colored background offers the best contrast
- Screen readers will not pick up a message scrolling across the screen and are difficult to focus on

Restaurant Guide Update

Pat and Marion had information on restaurants we need to add/delete or update. The group discussed using stickers for brochure updates and reminding people the brochure information is available online.

Overnight Accommodations

The PT Guide contacted DASH asking if we had information on accessible accommodations. The group talked about their own personal experiences with accessible accommodations in the community. It was thought we would need to do further evaluation of facilities before make recommendations.

UGN request for pictures

UGN requested photos to use showing examples of programs they support. Marion suggested we take photos when we are out evaluating a restaurant.

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

July meeting –July meeting is canceled.

(Pat will be gone June 9 to June 12 and June 25 to July 13)

Next meeting – Tuesday, August 5, 2014 12:00- 2:00, Community Center