

# ALASKA DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF BLIND COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2009

## Opening:

The Board meeting of the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind Council was called to order at 6:26 PM on June 17, 2009 in Aurora Café (Loussac Library) by Elizabeth Andrews.

## Present:

Elizabeth Andrews, President  
Courtney McCabe, Vice President  
Jennifer Schwebke, Secretary  
Randee Pascall, Treasurer  
Aaron Stribling  
Dean Gates  
John Miranda

## Guest:

Sharon Miranda  
Noami Sherman

## A. Approval of Minutes

May 2009 Minutes:

- John Miranda: I move to table the minutes to next meeting due to issues with By-Laws. Dean Gates second. **PASSED.**

## B. Approval of Agenda

Courtney McCabe moves that we accept the agenda. Randee Pascall second. **PASSED.**

## C. Executive Committee Reports

*President—Elizabeth Andrews:* Went to a residential summit and had rich experience. The summit's main goal is to have a smooth transition for students after they graduate from high school such as technology equipments (enable link, PDA, etc) and housing (smarthouse, transitional housing, etc). A part of the conference is to have people think of ideas how to improve the transition and we brought up an idea and received the highest vote of all. Otherwise, had a meeting with Lynn about deaf center and will have a follow up meeting with Anna Kim this fall.

*Vice-President—Courtney McCabe:* Met few deaf people who do not have any access to computers for ADHHDBC information and events. We need to brainstorm for ideas how to publicize information without using computers.

*Secretary—Jennifer Schwebke:* Received statewide meeting transcript today.

*Treasurer—NAD* will send a new package for renewing ADDBHHC's annual membership. Scholarship checks have been received but no letters.

## **D. Committee Reports**

*Leadership Committee—Ranee Pascall:* Camp Aurora was great. Ten days with twelve girls, three from Wasilla and one from Kansas.

*Legislative Committee—Dean Gates:* Not much change from last meeting. The committee has been in contact with legislatives and wants to pursue that with Duane. Still haven't gotten response from Senator and tried to follow up with him, no luck. Anne and Colleen joined to work on Interpreter Bill so we had it set up on Google Doc. Deaf Commission Bill should be up there soon.

*Fundraising Committee—John Miranda:* Not much change from last meeting. The Sorenson will make a \$500 donation to ADHHDBC. The committee wants to brainstorm ideas for DAW such as car wash or other fundraising during summer.

*Education Committee—Courtney McCabe:* Several things are going on (1) It is true that RJ (Russian Jack) will lose one classroom (2) ASSDHH is in process of hiring a deaf teacher (3) Education DVD is put on hold because of \$\$ and committee's commitment (4) want to follow up on Dean's propose about disappearing students from ASSDHH program

*Media Outreach Committee—Aaron Stribling:* An idea to keep track of deaf Alaskans is to set a group in facebook. Otherwise, the website has been updated and there is new molecule on website which will automatically send an email to ADHHDBC. There is also a forum online available: private and public.

*ADHOC—John Miranda:* Had several meetings with Lynn and the committee. Most recent update is sending a letter to "Pre-Development Plan Grants" for possible funding to deaf center. Otherwise, Lynn and the committee have many ideas such as expanding deaf center to include SLC (Student Living Center) and transition housing but need \$\$\$\$.

- *Dean Gates:* Lynn will downsize the ideas that the committee came up to fit them all together because the main goal of having deaf center is to meet all the commitments and promises that are being given.
- *Elizabeth Andrews:* The deaf center will take at least two to three years.

## **E. Old Business**

1. ASL Film DVD

- a. Jennifer Schwebke: I move ADHHDBC to buy the ASL Film DVD set for DAW. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**
  - i. Rande Pascall: I move to have ADHHDBC Treasurer to purchase the DVD set. Aaron Stribling second. **PASSED**
- 2. DAW
  - a. John Miranda: I move ADHHDBC to appoint Elizabeth Andrews as a DAW coordinator. Rande Pascall second. **PASSED**

**F. New Business**

- 1. DVR Board
  - a. Elizabeth Andrews: I move ADHHDBC to appoint a member to serve on DVR Board. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**
    - i. Jennifer Schwebke: I move ADHHDBC to appoint Courtney McCabe to serve on DVR Board. Rande Pascall second. **PASSED**
- 2. SILC
  - a. Elizabeth Andrews: I move ADHHDBC to appoint a member to serve on SILC (Student Independent Living Council). Aaron Stribling second. **PASSED**
    - a. Jennifer Schwebke: I move ADHHDBC to appoint Elizabeth Andrews to serve on SILC. John Miranda second. **PASSED**

**Announcement:**

12 people showed up for Nomai's workshop. Hope to have another one in near future.

Rande Pascall will be out of town for more than month.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by Elizabeth Andrews. The next ADHHDBC meeting will be on September 29, 2009.

**Minutes submitted by:** Jennifer B Schwebke