

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 1:11 PM on September 27, 2009 in John Thomas Building by Elizabeth Andrews.

Present:

Elizabeth Andrews, President
Courtney McCabe, Vice President
Jennifer Schwebke, Secretary
Ranee Pascall, Treasurer
Aaron Stribling
John Miranda
Rhonda Easley (Left at 2:30)

Guest:

Sharon Miranda
Al Berke
Sandy Kerr
Rudy Kerr

A. Approval of Minutes

May 2009 Minutes:

- John Miranda: I move to table the minutes to October statewide meeting. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED.**

June 2009 Minutes

- Jennifer Schwebke: I move that we accept the minutes to be read. John Miranda second. **PASSED**

B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Executive Committee Reports

President—Elizabeth Andrews: DAW Spaghetti Feed kick-off was successful. Millie Ryan, Art Arnold, Larry LeDeoux, and Dr. Christopher Wilkens came by and talked about school district and deaf education issues. After hearing the issues, I strongly encourage the board to attend PTSA meeting on Tuesday to set up talking points for October 13th meeting with Jerry Sjolander. There is a State Board meeting in December which I also encourage the board to attend and

share the current concerns about ASSDHH. Lastly, the Department of Education wants to appoint one deaf member from the community to serve on the board and hope one of ADHHDBC member will consider the position.

Al Berke: ADHHDBC needs to write a letter to commissioner and ask to appoint two deaf educators to evaluate ASSDHH and make recommends how to improve its education. (*Courtney McCabe and Jennifer Schwebke will work together to write a letter to the commissioner*)

Vice-President—Courtney McCabe: PTSA calendar has an incorrect date for Jerry Sjolander meeting, it is on October 13th, not October 3rd. The meeting will be at Russian Jack Elementary School's library.

Secretary—Jennifer Schwebke: Mayor's Charity Ball's selection application is open and I plan on entering ADHHDBC for drawing.

Treasurer—Ranee Pascall: ADHHDBC earned \$458 from Spaghetti Feed and profited \$208. Sorenson's \$500 check arrived but had problems depositing the check and will have meeting with the bank on Monday to follow up. The mailbox annual fee is renewed. Current balance for saving is \$16,764.21 and checking has \$577.85 (not including \$500 from Sorenson). The billing for CART and interpreters from May statewide meeting isn't resolved but will straight that out soon. Tariff mails keep on coming in and wonder if anybody is interested in getting them. Unfortunately, the application for PFD (for donations) was not sent in time for this year.

Al Berke: When will ADHHDBC audit the financial reports?

Rudy Kerr: ADHHDBC can appoint 3 to 5 people from board to check and audit the report. The audit must occur every 6 months: January 15 and June 15.

D. Committee Reports

Leadership Committee—Ranee Pascall: ARC will continue to sustain Camp Aurora in 2010 for 10 days.

Elizabeth Andrews: ASSDHH will no longer provide funding for students to go Camp Aurora. Maybe ADHHDBC can assist some funding for students.

Fundraising Committee—John Miranda: Interested in setting up another spring fling next year and want to ask Rachel Hollander to become the director.

Education Committee—Courtney McCabe: DVD Plan team is working on setting up goals. They had a meeting with ARC about funding and there is a possibility that ARC could amend \$40,000 from their annual grants of \$600,000 to support the DVD Plan. Next DEB meeting is on November 6th. The application for DVR board is submitted and I'm waiting to hear the results.

Media Outreach Committee—Aaron Stribling: The communication system needs improving. Too many ADHHDBC board is switching back and forth with different email accounts. Please use the ADHHDBC email account or stick with one email account. ADHHDBC website recently switched to 10/20 program and the functions are much better now.

ADHOC—John Miranda: Duane, Lynne, Holli and the committee have been working closely through the summer. We are currently developing a brochure and chart and preparing for legislative breakfast on October 22nd.

October 10, 2009: ADHHDBC and deaf center committee will meet at John Thomas Building at 6 pm to discuss about the deaf center and to put the plan in a full swing. Dinner will be provided.

By-Laws—Rudy Kerr: It is impossible to finish by-laws by October statewide meeting. The committee will meet every other week after October to work on one article at a time. The goal is to have it all revised by May statewide meeting. Currently, we are working on squeezing three articles (name, incorporation and national affliction) into one article.

DAW—Elizabeth Andrews: DAW was victorious! Thank everybody, for being involved with the event.

John Miranda: It was a triumphant to have First Lady to show up at Round Table Pizza last Thursday.

E. Old Business

1. Liability Insurance

- a. In next meeting, Randee Pascall will bring different quotes for us to compare and choose.

F. New Business

1. Department of Education

- a. Jennifer Schwebke: I move ADHHDBC to appoint a member to serve on Department of Education Board. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**

2. Mission Statement

- a. John Miranda: I move ADHHDBC to accept “Promote and empower Deaf, Hard or Hearing, and Deaf Blind consumers in order to achieve the highest quality of life in communities of Alaska” on ADHHDBC website. **PASSED**
 - i. Jennifer Schwebke: I amend at end of the sentence, remove “ADC website” and add “as mission statement”. Sharon Miranda second. **PASSED**
- b. Jennifer Schwebke: I move ADHHDBC to post the mission statement on ADC website. Randee Pascall second. **PASSED**

3. Bills

- a. Al Berke: I request that Dean Gates make copies of the Commission of the Deaf and Interpreter bills for ADHHDBC members to review. **PASSED**
 - i. Jennifer Schwebke: I amend at end of the sentence add “after the final editing.” **PASSED**

Announcement:

Soresson will send a representative to Alaska for VP installation, upgrade, etc.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM by Elizabeth Andrews. The next ADHHDBC statewide meeting will be on October 10, 2009.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B Schwebke