

ALASKA DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF BLIND COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2009

Opening:

The Board meeting of the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind Council was called to order at 2:04 PM on October 10, 2009 in BP Energy Center by Courtney McCabe.

Attendees Present:

Elizabeth Andrews, President
Courtney McCabe, Vice President
Ranee Pascall, Treasurer
Jennifer Schwebke, Secretary
Aaron Stribling
Rhonda Easley
John Miranda
Dean Gates
Ryan Thompson
Jose Silva
Pam Guy

Guest:

See Attached (Sign-up Sheet)

A. Approval of Minutes

Elizabeth Andrews proposes ADC vote October 2008 and May 2009 minutes. Pam Guy second. **FAILED**

John Miranda proposes to table October 2008 and May 2009 minutes to the next board meeting. Dean Gates second. **PASSED**

B. Approval of Agenda

New Business: Deaf Children's Bill of Rights, Event Coordinator Nominations, ASL Cafe
Old Business: Deaf Center, Reconfirmation

The agenda, including new issues, was unanimously approved.

C. Executive Committee Reports

President—Elizabeth Andrews: (Report was read by Courtney McCabe)

- I've been involved with residential services, a summit provided by the Governor's Council last May. I learned a lot on how to provide technology services for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf/blind Alaskans.

- Several issues have arose that need attention that I would like to focus on such as dwindling number of students in ASSDHH program, access to early intervention, and Sign Pals.

Vice-President—Courtney Westberg:

- We had several meeting throughout the year and we had lot of discussion concerning the Deaf Center and how to get it set up.
- I went to Governor Council's Public Testimony as ADC Representative to share two concerns: ASSDHH's dwindling number of students and the impact on children without early intervention program.

Treasurer—Randee Pascall:

- The current balance in saving balance is \$16,764.21 and in checking balance is \$577.85.
- Fundraising/Donation: Deaf Folklore profited \$812.75, Shanna Gibbs donated \$200.00. Spaghetti Kick Off profited \$208.00, Sorenson donated \$500.00
- Total October 2008- October 2009 Earnings: \$1,825.75
- See attached (Budget)

Secretary—Jennifer Schwebke:

- I just got an application from the Mayor's Office for the Mayor's Ball that he posts annually. They donate thousands of dollars to non-profit organizations and I plan to enter ADC to the drawing.
- Duane Mayes wrote and honored ADC with a proclamation. Please check it out on ADC's website

D. Committee Reports

(The chairpersons of the committees will give their monthly reports on Google Doc from now and on—the reports will be posted on ADC website.)

Deaf Youth Camp—Randee Pascall: ARC will sponsor Camp Aurora (June 1st –10th) again this year.

Fundraising—John Miranda: The March 2010 Spring Fling will be directed by Rachel Hollander.

Education—Courtney McCabe: There is lot of confusion about what's happening with ASSDHH after Jerry Sjolander's letters. Please go to PSTA meeting on October 13th, 2009 and DEB meeting on November 6th, 2009 to take part in this and voice your opinions.

Media Outreach—Aaron Stribling: People from all over the state, even all over the country are checking out the website, it is very exciting. Forum is a new feature I'm working on now, it's a chat room that allows discussions among people, near and far. I'm also working on a deaf center brochure to have the deaf center more visible in the community.

Deaf Center—John Miranda: First lady and 14 deaf Alaskans made a 20-seconds commercial for a public service announcement and it was really a great support for ADC. The committee

will work with different organizations and groups and to get the funding and the support going. It is a lot of work but the committee and ADC are making progress.

By-Laws—Rudy Kerr: The committee decided to restructure the by-laws from beginning to end. We will have meetings every two weeks and try to finish the revisions before our next statewide meeting in May 2010.

Deaf Summit II—Jennifer Schwebke: Please see me if you are interested becoming a committee chairperson for Deaf Summit II committee.

Legislative & Interpreter Licensure Bill—Dean Gates: There are seven people in the committee and we are currently working on Interpreting Licensure Bill, Deaf Commission, and Student's Bills of Right. These are services that we would like to be able to have in the future. Please see me if you want a copy of our drafts.

AD-HOC: N/A

E. Old Business

I. Flash Drives & PDF

- A. Motion (Jennifer Schwebke): Buy four flash drives for Executive boards and PDF program. Dean Gates second. **PASSED.**

II. DBC

- A. Motion (John Miranda): Hire DBC Guest Speakers to PSTA meeting. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**
 - 1. Amendment (Ranee Pascall): Use Deaf Youth Camp \$1,200 towards the DBC representatives coming to Anchorage. Elizabeth Andrews second. **PASSED**

F. New Business

I. Treasurer

- A. Motion (Jennifer Schwebke): Appoint new ADC Treasurer to fill the remainder of this two-year term, which ends during the elections in fall 2010. Aaron Stribling second. **PASSED**
- B. Motion (Ranee Pascall): Open nominations for ADC Treasurer Position. John Miranda second. **PASSED**
 - 1. Amendment (Jennifer Schwebke): Nominate Rudy Kerr for ADC position of Treasurer. **WITHDRAW**
- C. Motion (Ranee Pascall): Nominate Eve Ooten for ADC position of Treasurer. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED.**
 - 2. Amendment (Elizabeth Andrews): Bypass the by-laws in regard to two-years serving on ADC Board. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED.**

III. ASL Café

A. Motion (John Miranda): Open discussion about ASL Café. Eve Ooten second. **PASSED**

1. Jennifer Schwebke: Table John Miranda's proposition to next board meeting. **WITHDRAW**

IV. Event Coordinator

A. Aaron Stribling: Table the event coordinator to next board meeting.

V. Deaf Center

A. Dean Gates: Table the Deaf Center issues to next board meeting

VI. Reconfirmation

A. Motion (Al Berke): A reconfirmation for an enterprise of a Deaf Center. John Miranda second. **PASSED**

G. Announcement:

- Deaf Center Committee will provide pizzas at John Hopkins Building, third floor.
- Four free tickets to North Bar Play tonight at 9:00 PM
- Alaska Interest Tribal Deaf Council was recently established- a collaborating and intertribal council- and please see Eugene Irwin for membership.
- Dean Gates was recently appointed to be on the Governor's Council on Education and Disabilities under Special Education.
- RNR Bowling games are on Mondays and Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Courtney McCabe was appointed to be on the Statewide Independent Living Council.

H. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM by Courtney McCabe. The next ADHHDBC statewide meeting will be in May 2010.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B Schwebke