

ALASKA DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF BLIND COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes January 31, 2010

Opening:

The Board meeting of the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind Council was called to order at 2:11 PM on January 31, 2010 in John Thomas Building by Elizabeth Andrews.

Present:

Elizabeth Andrews, President
Courtney McCabe, Vice President
Jennifer Schwebke, Secretary
Aaron Stribling
John Miranda
Dean Gates
Rhonda Easley

Guest:

Rudy Kerr
Sharon Miranda

A. Approval of Minutes

Jennifer Schwebke moves that we accept November 8, 2009 meeting minutes to be read. Dean Gates second. **PASSED.** The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Executive Committee Reports

President—Elizabeth Andrews: She went to State Board meeting as an ADC representative with Courtney McCabe who represented Education Committee Chairperson. The foremost concern about ASSDHH discussed at the meeting was making the program known and accessible to the community. The State Board wants to make a priority of having ASSDHH program's information and resources available to public. To make this happen, Duane Mayes made eight recommendations to State Board on how to improve ASSDHH program and the community within the program. He is currently serving on ASSDHH's task force.

Andy Jose and Jim Beck asked her to give a presentation at SILC convention on February 10 in Juneau. She would like to address issues such as Early Invention Program, Deaf Center, and Interpreter Bill.

Vice-President—Courtney McCabe: No report.

Secretary—Jennifer Schwebke: There are two motions that are tabled to this meeting: Board expansion and Treasurer Report.

Treasurer—Ranee Pascall: Absent—(tabled to next meeting)

D. Committee Reports

Leadership Committee—Ranee Pascall: Absent

Fundraising Committee—John Miranda: Rachel Hollander is the director for Spring Fling Play. They will perform on March 20th but the details are TBA.

Education Committee—Courtney McCabe: She had meeting with Diane Poage and Tracy Pifer to hear about ASSDHH's plans for next year. Diane and Tracy's main concern is the decreasing number in students' enrollment and test scores but they will announce new changes in the program after Jerry Sjolander retires. This is why it is important to support the Senate Bill 109; it is a bill to repeal the requirement to pass the HSGQE test to receive a diploma, which will be beneficial to many special education students, including ASSDHH students.

Media Outreach Committee—Aaron Stribling: ADC should consider moving to a location with access to WIFI or internet because he learned how to set up a U-Stream account where he can set up one-way video conference with rural boards. He will email the board with a list of different locations to meet for next meeting. Again, he strongly encourages the board to check the website and forum for feedbacks, comments and opinions.

Deaf Center—John Miranda: We are still at pre-developmental stage and we are working on a proposal to ask Mental Health Trust for \$\$\$\$. Dean Gates had a meeting with Senator Lesil McGuire who is interested in investing \$50,000 for Deaf Center. Next Deaf Center meeting will be on February 22, 2010 at AVS from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

By-Laws—Rudy Kerr: First four articles are simplified and restructured to correspond with the current conditions in ADC. [See Attached] He will try to reform the rest of the articles before statewide meeting in May 2010.

Deaf Summit II—Jennifer Schwebke: She assembled the resources, documents and final reports from Deaf Summit I. From now, she would like to pull together a group of volunteers for the committee. (Contact *Logistics LCC* for event coordinator)

Legislative—Dean Gates: The committee just started meeting again on Tuesdays after few weeks off. While in Juneau January 25-26, he met with Senators McGuire and Davis who want

to learn more about Interpreter and Legislative bills. The committee will work on talking points soon as possible.

E. Old Business

- I. Event Coordinator
 - A. Jennifer Schwebke: I move to have Sharon Miranda as an ADHHDBC event coordinator. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**
- II. Table motion from November 2009
 - A. Jennifer Schwebke: I move to untable Courtney McCabe's motion about ADHHDBC board expansion. Dean Gates second. **PASSED**
 - i. **The board voted unanimously to expand board members from 11 to 13.**

F. New Business

- I. By-Laws
 - A. Jennifer Schwebke: I move to accept Rudy Kerr's four reformed articles. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**
- II. Members
 - A. John Miranda: I move that we include members in email about upcoming ADHHDBC Board Meetings. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**
- III. Legislative Bills
 - A. Dean Gates: I move ADHHDBC to support Senate Bill 32. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**
 1. SB 32 will require periodic rate reviews for home and community based services, similar to the regular rate review and adjustments for nursing homes and hospitals currently required by state statute. [Post meeting – bill and summary attached.]
 - B. Dean Gates: I move ADHHDBC to support House Bill 225. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**
 1. HB 225 amends the state procurement code, bidding and proposal procedures and preferences. Among the changes is section 25 giving a 10% to 15% scoring preference to bids from businesses or organizations owned by disabled persons. [Post meeting - bill and summary is attached.]
 - C. Dean Gates: I move ADHHDBC to support the Governor's Council's budget request for funding the Intensive Support and Intervention Services program in the amount of \$650,000. John Miranda second. **PASSED**
 1. ISIS will fund one or two masters/graduate degree level professionals, to establish a system to meet the needs of individuals with challenging behaviors that are not responsive to

current interventions. [Post meeting - detailed description is attached.]

G. Announcement:

- ❖ Scott Slone made a contract to move ahead with ASSDHH's DVD plan.

H. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM by Elizabeth Andrews. The next ADHHDBC meeting will be on February 28, 2010.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B Schwebke