

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities' Agenda

February 15TH 2017

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404 10TH ST NW

WATERTOWN

Call To Order: Colleen Winge

Members Present: Renee Hoover, Briana Tillma, Ryan Remmers, Jordan Trumbo, Brigett Wookey, Tonya Urban, Jessica Fischer, Shane Hoffman, Kim Langrock, Lori Enstad, Toby Niles, Jill Gabel, Brenda Palsma-Teske, Enma Lemus

Absences: Marilyn Byer (excused), Bonnie Boadwine (excused), Jamie Folk (excused), Julie Miller, Cindy Raml, Megan Howard

Approval of Minutes: 1st-Brigett W, 2nd-Toby N

Treasurer's Report: The committee has \$1893 in the account after workman's comp was paid.

Old Business:

Spencer Speaks

Overall, the committee feels that the community event went very well and that we were glad that we had had the extra funds to do the book giveaway as it was felt that this was well-received. Enma, who also attended the presentation at the high school, really enjoyed the message that he talked about there as well.

Survey

Brenda compiled the survey data from the event and will be using this to report back to the Division of Developmental Disabilities as a contingency of their grant. Two hundred twenty-seven of 275 responded to the survey and there was a 98% satisfaction rating for the event. There were a few problems noted such as more publicity and doing it in a bigger venue and doing the surveys to be more specific as some of the results were inconclusive. Brigett will be using this data to also complete the response for the Board of VR response as well.

Disability Awareness Day Update

Disability Awareness Days will be held on February 28th at the Intermediate School from 8:30-3:30 (four sessions). The committee for this event met and decided that they would be doing a combination of old and new activities with 7 different activities total for the kids to do. Activities will include, doing activities with goggles on, doing tasks with one hand, doing things blindfolded, doing concentration tasks with a lot of sensory overload, an obstacle course, wheelchair/walker basketball, and possibly something to relate to hearing impairments depending on what they hear back from Professional Hearing Services. Marilyn had contacted LATI and we will be getting volunteers from there as well as Joy Ranch for the event. They are planning on giving the teachers something to read to the class before they come in so that the kids will know what they will be doing and then giving the groups of kids 10 min in each station. Kids will be grouped by a volunteer numbering them off at the door as they come in. The committee had also discussed having some questions ready to discuss with the students if they complete an activity before the time is up. Colleen and Brianna will be bringing walkers to the event and Marilyn, Brenda, and Briana will be bringing wheelchairs. Colleen will be sending out an email to committee members to determine who of the committee can be there and when.

NDEAM Updates

At this time, a request has been put in for Gov. Dennis Daugaard to speak at our event. However, it was noted that we should have a secondary plan in place in case he is unable to attend, including if he has to cancel last minute. The committee has decided that they will be moving forward with a employee/employer panel as a back-up. Toby agreed to sit on the panel if this is what we end up going with. Jessica will be submitting the request for funding by the end of the month to meet the due date with as much information as she has at that time as there is not much more that we can do except wait on a response from the governor's office. Other than that, the date has been chosen (October 16th or 17th), lunch will be catered by New Horizons, and we will be holding the event at LATI again this year. It was also suggested that it may be good to invite the District 5 leaders to the event (Kim will be emailing the contact information for these individuals to Jessica) and that they are hoping to partner with SHRM again on this event to increase employer participation since that went so well for the Spencer Speaks event.

New Business:

Jordan mentioned that she would be sending out an email for the ADA Committee to start meeting to plan that event. This meeting will not be held until after the disability awareness day's event.

Nomination of employer, employee

Jordan and Lori requested Culver's as an employer due to their work with a joint case and Jon Kranz as an employee for his work at Wal-Greens. The committee approved to provide awards for both.

Adjournment:

Next meeting March 15th @ Joy Ranch.

Approval to adjourn 1st-Toby N and 2nd-Jill G