

**SDIAA Area 8
Accessibilities Committee Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2021**

Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Attendance:

Jeffrey

Renea (Sign Language fund admin)

Cait (Meetings To Go coordinator)

Bryan (ASL interpreter coordinator)

Matt (Meeting Representative: Open Minded - men's Monday)

Tyler (Meeting Representative: Designs for Living)

Michael S. (Secretary and ASL zoom coordinator)

Rick L (ASL interpreter)

Jaime S

Jerry Liason

Suzanne L.

Marie H.

Minutes from previous month accepted., Motion passes.

Renea: The Sign Language Fund Report for February 2021
Contributions for January \$808.05

Distributions in January

\$100.00 Fourth Dimension Group

\$150.00 Carlsbad AA Workshop

\$100.00 Joy of Living Group

\$100.00 Open Minded Men's

\$100.00 Designs for Living

(\$550.00) total (current for COVID meetings)

\$2,686.76 Current Balance

\$ 2,903.63 Three months of operating expenses (Prudent reserve goal)

\$ 5,590.39 total

\$862.97 Average monthly contributions for the previous 12 months

\$926.25 Monthly average needed to maintain interpreting at current levels (for the 11 meetings prior to COVID)

\$-63.28 Monthly Deficit

Moved and passed to accept report

Meetings to Go: Cait: Nothing to report. Cait will maintain contact with the hospitals; will drop off some big books.

ASL Interpreter Coordinator Bryan: Concern about deaf attendance in the hearing meetings. Want to have a “front row” of zoom tiles at the top of the screen for deaf members. Some deaf members feel left out that they are not seen when they are newcomers and raise their hands and not seen. Jeffery suggested make a commitment at the meeting to

Suzanne: have a designated person at the meeting in Seattle who will move deaf members to the top of the first page. The interpreter is on the first page as well. If someone is trying to get the attention of interpreter. Jeffrey asked that all meeting reps bring this back to the business meetings of the respective meetings. All meetings assigned to representatives.

Cait Monday
Joy of livine renea
Carlesbady cait
Jeffrey DO
Open minded mens Matt
Spiritual Awakenings Cait and Marie

Meeting Reports:

Open Minded Men's: Matt: Doing well with finances. Recently got some generous contributions. Attendance yesterday was 4-5 deaf people. No issues.

No barriers report: No interpreter needed. The meeting is going strong. Average 30 people in attendance.

Drunks Only: Sarah not here. Per Bryan seems meeting going OK. Missed some newcomers, need to set the tiles on the first page so don't miss them. Bryan will send out the paper.

4th dimension: Jeffrey did talk to Coleen she said its going well. Had a deaf secretary for last 2 months. Strong deaf participation.

Spiritual awakening: Art is not here. Sat March 8 at 7am. Have a business meeting. Can be included in that list – if want to- ask Jeffrey.

Oldtown: Jamie: everything going good. Recently extended the meeting by 10 minutes. New rate of \$60 for interpreters. Have the attendance has been stable.

Carlsbad workshop: No rep. Bryan says no problem. Don't remember how many deaf showing up there but maybe 5 – 10.

Joy of living: Renea has heard nothing. Have continued to ask for a rep but no one showed up. Jeffrey has concern about checks being sent without communication. Cait said when she goes to Carlsbad will try to reach out to a member. Need to get representation.

Designs for living: Tyler (gold can representative): all going well. Will take the suggestion for the tiles for next biz meeting. Attendance has been a little lower across the board, ASL attendance in proportion to overall attendance. Bryan has been the only person there a couple times. Not good. Maybe I missed them Bryan said.

Old business:

Previously had to pay for EIN, then got money back. The money that was reimbursed to Jeffrey- the check was shredded. Need to get an EIN for a "Non-Profit Social Club." Jeffrey will reach out to Jerry to follow up. Need to separate from District 6 whose EIN we have been using.

New business:

Interpreter pay increase: Suzanne: to keep up with the cost of living in SD. Other meetings pay \$60-\$70 per hour. Rate has been 50 for a long time. 7th tradition: we are self-supporting through our own contribution. Need to up the contributions.

Tradition 8: "Special services may be recompensed" Special workers. To support the development of an informed motion Jerry will request information – a poll on how much interpreters are paid.

Jeffrey- workshop to be co sponsored. Reached out to Maire. A trilingual workshop ASL/ Spanish/ English on sponsorship. Marie is District 6 committee member. Need to get volunteers to be on the panel. Jeffrey will go ahead and start to set up a panel. Saturday DCM training for Jeffrey and Maire.

Next meeting:

Tues March 23 2021 on zoom