

SDIAA Area 8
Accessibilities Committee Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

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 (old town Speakers rep)

Jerry (area liaison)

Jerry M (Carlsbad Workshop rep)

Suzanne L.

Marie H. (arrived 7:20pm)

Kristen L. (Joy of Living rep)

Sarah P. (DO)

Roll Call.

No birthdays this month.

Motion to approve minutes from previous month passes.

Renea: The Sign Language Fund Report for Feb 2021

Contributions for Feb very low.

Central is talking about changing the pie chart.

Coordinating council talked about changing the pie chart. Currently 3 choices. Now there are other sub committees, elderly, accessibility, that might want to be a part of that pie chart. Maybe that will be a better way to collect money instead of the gold can.

Per Jeffrey donations do go down at the beginning of the year but this is very low. Need to ask people to make donations to gold can. Suzanne: have other meetings that do not have interpreters and do not pass the gold can. Members from other areas, across the country, and even internationally. Can those other groups, for example, a group in Ohio that has members

should be contributing to the cost of interpreters? Can there be more support across districts or to reach out to out of state groups to look for contributions. Maybe the district can consider absorbing the interpreter cost.

Moved and passed to accept report.

Meetings to Go: Sharps Coronado who points people with liver failure in my direction

ASL Interpreter Coordinator Bryan: Trying to get all the deaf people on the same page; in the "front row." We are working to create that on Zoom so that deaf members will not be overlooked. One meeting the interpreter has to hunt and search for them. Want to have Open Minded Mens, Carlsbad workshop at the front of the line. Maire (Spiritual Awakenings) said that Suzanne has been co-hosted which works but cannot do it. Suzanne- should try to have deaf and hearing together in the same room.

Meeting Reports:

Open Minded Mens Matt: Re: tiles. Our host sent out a message in the chat last night. Did Bryan have a chance to read all of that? Had a comment about the interpreter increase: is there a place we can get funding from? The GSR said yes. So the GSR for Open Minded Mens is looking into that. Someone also sent in \$400 to cover \$10 / week for the rest of the year. Donations have been down. It has been decreasing. Matt reports that he does pass the gold can and explain what it is for.

Sarah P. Drunks Only: Some of the secretary and Chair person sent the facilitator "how to pin." Supported them and asked them to forward to other people as needed. Sponsor is doing the common solutions one. If she is having interpreters at her workshops.

4th D: doing ok

Maire Spiritual Awakenings: going fine. Have a large group. Sometimes up to 5-6 deaf members. Did receive the instructions about pinning.

Jerry M Carlsbad workshop: Secretary has been doing the pinning and it is going well. Have not heard them talk about the gold can but Jerry is now on the steering committee and will bring it up. Meeting went from 90 minutes to 60 minutes on zoom but still paying the interpreter for 90 minutes (\$75). Jeffrey: it should be \$50. Thursday next is the steering committee meeting.

Designs for living: Tyler. Did bring up tile issue on zoom. Someone is doing that for sharing. But we should raise a motion to make that a specific service position. Will apply that with rigor. Regarding the interpreter rate increase: did raise it for discussion but no motion. Attendance has been very low. Last week maybe there was no deaf attendees there. Maybe can talk with Bryan and get a sense of why attendance is low. Tyler does make a gold can announcement

every week. Bryan: its unfortunate that attendance is down. Have been promoting it. If attendance continues to stay low, consider dropping the interpreter. Jeffrey- the group has to decide what to do. Consider pausing until we resume in person meetings. Jeffrey stressed that the group has to make the decision.

Joy of living: Kristen: Regarding rate increase: group is opposed because barely covering costs. Have had to dip into prudent reserve to cover costs. Group decision to start making a regular announcement. In February we got \$78 for 7th but 330 for ASL. That was good to get prudent reserve back up. Business meeting is at end of the month. Spent \$200 on interpreter. \$100 from ASL fund, \$172 collected. Will bring up pinning at next business meeting. It is a large meeting so it will be important to have interpreter visible. There was a deaf member who was the leader last month. Attendance has been down before the pandemic however there has been more attendance from a women's program and people from out of state. Currently 3-5 people on zoom. Kristen prefers email.

Oldtown: Jaime. Going well. Started pinning deaf at the top. Also brought up the pay increase for the interpreter. Everyone seemed in favor of it but want to know how much it will cost.

Old business:

Increase of interpreter pay: possibly develop a pay scale for interpreters to honor length of certification. Jerry shared a document based on research he did with areas across the country. Based on that it seems reasonable to raise the fee. Regarding redoing the pie chart: it would take longer to do that. 619 251 1843 v/text (rick)

New business:

Next meeting:
Tues April 27, 2021 on zoom.