

**SDIAA Area 8
Accessibilities Committee Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2021**

Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at:

Attendance:

Jeffrey (Chair)

Renea (Sign Language fund admin)

Sarah (Meeting representative: Sarah)

Alene (PRAASA 2022 ASL Planning Committee member)

Bryan (ASL interpreter coordinator)

Jerry M (Meeting rep: Carlsbad workshop and steering committee meeting)

Matt (Meeting Representative: Open Minded - men's Monday, alternate chair of accessibilities committee meeting)

Tyler (Meeting Representative: Designs for Living)

Michael S. (Secretary and ASL zoom coordinator)

Rick L (ASL interpreter)

Roll Call.

Birthdays: none.

Motion to approve minutes from previous month: passed. Michael sent the minutes out only 30 minutes prior which does not give members sufficient time to read and review. Going forward, Michael will have the minutes completed after the meeting (same day).

The Sign Language Fund Report:

Renea: (see report below). Renea explained the report for the benefit of Alene. Per Renea this is current as of today (4/27/21). Jeffrey has created a spreadsheet that tracks ALL contributions made through venmo and which meetings contributed. This spreadsheet will be updated regularly and Jeffrey will capture the historical data. The report only includes interpreting expenses for meetings. Not for Area events which are paid for by the Area.

Moved and passed to accept report.

Meetings to Go Report:

Cait is not here. Meetings to Go are pretty much on hold due to the pandemic.

ASL Interpreter Coordinator Report:

Bryan: Open Minded Mens will change to a hybrid model (in person and on Zoom). Many Monday night attendees are not local to San Diego. Will experiment to see if it works to have interpreters on zoom and in person. Attendance has been down at Designs for Living. Rick will be the interpreter in person and will try to see if someone there can set up the laptop so the interpreter will be visible in person AND on zoom.

Meeting Reports:

Open Minded Mens:

Matt: Presented topic of increase in pay, meeting attendees were asking if there are other sources of funding. One person paid \$10/ week for the rest of the year, and another generous donation. OK with an increase given what contributions have been. Optimistic that the hybrid model will work and be accessible (accessible to deaf members in person and on zoom).

No Barriers ASL:

Bryan: it has split into two groups. Was just on the Rule 62 group which is well attended nationally and internationally, the original No Barriers will be just for San Diego locals. Doubtful that the No Barriers meeting will resume in person. Renea asked about if No Barriers will eventually resume in person. If not, then the funds budgeted to support that meeting could go back into the fund and support another meeting. Will table this discussion for now.

Drunks Only:

Sarah P.: DO will resume in person meetings however it will be in the park outside which requires obtaining a permit. Several older members want to keep the meeting on zoom. Want to know what the deaf community thinks about having the interpreter in the park or on zoom. Probably cannot have both. Would like to invite Bryan to attend steering committee meeting (first Friday of the month which would be Friday May 7th) and will pay for an interpreter for that.

Wednesday is running well.

4th Dimension:

Jeffrey: talked to Colleen secretary this evening. She said not many deaf attendees. For the last two weeks no deaf attendees. Jeffrey floated the idea of "pausing" interpretation. That has to be decided on group level and then the group can get back to accessibilities committee. They are currently meeting on zoom. No information on resuming in person meetings at this time.

Spiritual Awakenings:

No rep present. Bryan said per Beth that her and Art have been attending. Apparently no problems.

Carlsbad workshop:

Jerry: Going well. Steady attendance. There was a discussion on pay increase for interpreters. All in favor of that. There is also a widespread lack of awareness of the gold can. Across North County. Jerry has been networking with secretary of North County Intergroup to spread awareness. Harding Street has the venmo for the gold can on the slide however more education is needed. Jerry has been talking it up in North County and is on steering committee meetings.

No word on resuming in person meeting. Depends on City of Carlsbad because the meeting happens in a city-owned building.

Jeffrey: Carla from North County intergroup reached out to Jeffrey. He and Renea are available to go and talk to the meeting about what the gold can is about.

Designs for Living:

Tyler: Attendance has been extremely low for months. In last 5 weeks one attendee. Business meeting discussed pausing interpreter services because it is a drain on the meeting, and there are apparently other Friday meetings that are better serving the community. Wants to know procedurally how to pause/ cancel meetings.

Renea: It is up to the group conscience If not needed please return the check.

Tyler: Open to resuming in person later if there is a need there. There will be a vote this Friday at the meeting to decide to pause.

Joy of Living:

Christian is not here. Bryan and Renea have not been going. Renea is planning to go this Saturday.

Oldtown:

Jamie (sent report; unable to attend due to final): Meeting going well. OK for pay increase.

Old business:

- Bank Account. Would like to set up bank account but need a responsible person to tie a new EIN to their SS number. So far no one available. Can table this for next time.
- Interpreter Increase: Michael will work with Jerry to create a motion. Bryan wants to have Jerry here to talk about it. Per Renea in the past the Area was not involved in voting on the increase.
 - Jeffrey: good idea to have meetings with low attendance pause interpretation.
 - As rep for 4th D will recommend to group to pause interpretation for now and reevaluate in 3 months.
- Sponsorship workshop table for next month.

New business:

- Meetings for 2022 in person or on zoom? We need a consensus of the meeting- to resume in person or continue on zoom? Matt: zoom can save time and money. Seems zoom works for all.
- PRAASA 2022. Alene would like to have Area 8 or meetings support Bryan to attend. As he is on Deaf Access committee for PRAASA.
- Let committee know of other projects.

Meeting concluded at 8:18pm

Next meeting:

Tues May 25, 2021 on zoom at 7:00pm

The Sign Language Fund Report for **April 2021**

Contributions for March

\$514.50

Distributions in March

\$125.00	Fourth Dimension Group
\$187.50	Carlsbad AA Workshop
\$100.00	Joy of Living Group
\$100.00	Open Minded Men's
\$125.00	Designs for Living
(\$637.50)	total

\$2,179.76 Current Balance to work with before going into Prudent reserve

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

\$ 5,083.39 total

\$760.90 **Average monthly contributions for the previous 12 months**

\$926.25 Monthly average needed to maintain interpreting at current levels

\$165.35 Monthly Deficit