

**SDIAA Area 8
Accessibilities Committee Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2022**

Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at: 7:02pm.

Attendance:

Bryan (Chair of Accessibilities Committee)
Renea (Sign Language fund admin)
Lynn E. Area 8 treasurer and Officer Liaison
Michael S. (Secretary)
Maria (ASL Scheduling Coordinator)
Greg C. (Common solutions liaison)
Sarah P. (arrived late)
Rick L. (ASL Interpreter)

Birthdays:

Motion to approve minutes from previous month: passed.

The Sign Language Fund Report:

Renea provided the report. See below.

Will submit for reimbursement to accessibility fund in the amount of \$715.

Still have prudent reserve.

\$791 monthly average. Still operating on a slight deficit but donations are picking up. Will also get some donations from Spring Round up.

Bryan: Got an email from Kenny with a suggestion about where the group would like to meet (Thursday night La Mesa Beginners). It was previously a popular group for deaf.

Meetings to Go Report:

Leaving this position vacant until more places open up.

ASL Interpreter Coordinator Report:

Maria: Not much to report. Everything seems to be going smoothly. One meeting could not find an interpreter one time but other than that everything seems to be going well.

Meeting Reports:

Open Minded Men's:

No rep. Per Bryan it seems to be going well.

No Barriers ASL:

Bryan is the rep. Meeting is going well. Continues in hybrid. Donations are starting. Some contributions are starting. Don't have an interpreter for that meeting but still pass the can

Drunks Only:

Sarah not in attendance

Spiritual awakenings:

James not in attendance. Per Lynn there are reasons why James has not been going so trying to find another rep. Per Lynn around 2 months ago the meeting voted to handle the interpreter funding differently; they decided to pay for interpreter from overall funds for the meeting. Any money for the gold can they send to the committee for other meetings because there are ample contributions from the 7th tradition. The interpreter fee has been folded into the general operating expenses of the meeting. This was decided during a group conscience.

Carlsbad workshop:

(rep not present) Bryan attends on zoom seems no problems.

Common solutions:

Greg: Doing great. Have a surplus right now. Have been collecting enough to pay the interpreter every week for months. Last week had \$20 more than needed. May be able to get by without the contributions from the Fund. Will discuss in the business meeting at Common Solutions.

Jump Start:

(no rep present) Sally not able to make it tonight. Was supposed to be self supporting a couple months ago but something happened. They are requesting full assistance to pay for interpreter until they can reestablish gold can funds and pay half interpreters fee. Able to pay for Jan but need accessibilities. Moved and seconded to support Jump Start for Feb and then revisit next month.

Joy of Living:

(rep not present)

Oldtown:

Kendra not present but seems to be going well.

Old Business:

- San Diego Spring Round up. Access Committee approved \$500 for interpreting. 9 deaf attendees at the round up. They all enjoyed the weekend. An anonymous donation came in for \$500 so there was no money used from the Gold Can fund.
- Discussion about planning for next year, having marathon meetings (with deaf alcoholics leading) but at a good timeslot.

New Business:

- For round up need more volunteers. Didn't have enough. Per Renea it all worked out but did not have as many people as needed. Perhaps it was pent up excitement about having the event be in person.
- Need to update the fourth edition DVDs. Per Lynn it would be a great idea to propose allocating funds to do that. Can research if there are alternative formats that could be made available to visually impaired alcoholics.
- Funds could be made available from other sources because this is direct 12 step work.
- Need a table for picnic on June 11. Per Lynn could buy a table.
- A deaf alcoholic called central service to ask for an interpreter for CV.

- It was moved and seconded to provide an interpreter for a one-off meeting for a member who wants to attend a meeting with his sponsor who is nearing end of life. The motion passes.

Next Accessibilities Meeting - **7:00 pm., Tuesday, May 24, 2022**, via Zoom. Thank you for your Service!

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE: I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that, I am responsible.