

Michigan Deaf Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Mott Community College-Flint, MI

January 14, 2012

Meeting- called 9 45 am

No motion will be made due to no quorum.

Housekeeping- Alan: Discussed lunch and restroom location in the building.

Roll Call:

Scot Pott, President

Kat Vogtmann, 1st Vice President

Alan Mc Call, 2nd Vice President

Kathy Mitchell, Secretary

Freida Morrison, Membership Coordinator

Helen Boucher, Member at Large

Diana Mc Kittrick, CAC

Phillip Williams, Region 4

Neal Mc Kenzie, Region 1

Excused Absences:

Patty Schultz, Region 1

Mary Klein, MDSAA

Elizabeth Bystricki, Region 2

Shelly Chu, Region 2

Todd Morrison, Public Relations

Chris Hunter, Region 4

Ronald Hartman, Kalamazoo Chapter

Susie Parnes, DAD

Robert Cox, Region 3

Visitors:

Barney Morrison

Melvina Mc Call

Warren Cordyll

President Report-Scot Pott:

1. Oct 22 meeting minutes: Reminded members to read via e mail and send comments/corrections to secretary. NAD suggested speeding up minutes approval within a month. After March 17th meeting minutes should be approved within a month (April 17th)

2. Treasurer Chu will not be here today. President will ask him to email members financial report.
3. DAD send flyer for bowling tournament in April 2012. Requested MDA advertise in program book. No action can be made due to not enough Ex. Board present. **Hold**
4. EHDI: Advisory Council: Statewide Conference in Lansing on March 23rd. Seeking another member on seat. National conference in St Louis on March 4 – 6, 2012.
5. Delegates at NAD '12 Conference: Delegates need to pay \$135 by February 29, 2012. Delegate's schedule and other information will be sent by end of this month.
6. DODHH Advisory Council: Attended; was not impressed with it.
7. MDA Representative to MIRID: Kat Vogtmann. She went to the meeting on January 7, 2012. She will give her report later.
8. MDA Biannual Picnic: Location? Need to discuss location.
9. MDMAP: CO-Directors need to sign MOU agreement.
10. Project Endeavor
11. MCDHH Meeting on January 23rd. No one from MDA is available to attend the meeting.
12. MDA '13 Conference: DAD will probably host but needs to get an approval from DAD board meeting first.
13. MDA's 125th Anniversary in Flint. We need to set a date. (Agreed to merge with MSDAA during MSD's homecoming)

Vice Pres Report- Kat Vogtmann:

Announced she received an approval for one week off in July to attend NAD Conference

1. She attended MIRID Board meeting on January 7, 2012. She accepted to be their Deaf Member at Large. Their next meeting will be February 25, 2012.
2. MIRID is planning two workshops: one in Spring and one in the Fall.
3. MIRID President Kristen planned to be here but did not come as she was planning to ride with Steven Chu.
4. MIRID 2014 Region 3 conference will be in Traverse City. They are working with World Deaf Golf Association.

2nd VP report: Alan Mc Call

1. Newsletter: Deadline for our next issue (Spring) - March 31st.
2. Website: Updated but need to put up new events up to Spring 2012.
3. Storage: Will start inventory as soon as Neal and I set up a date.
4. Project Endeavor- Should we advertise on our web and newsletter?
5. MDA Picnic- Should it be held somewhere on the Western Part of Michigan?

Secretary Report- Kathy Mitchell:

1. Please submit written report before or during meeting.

Treasurer Report- Steven Chu

1. 3rd Quarter has been audited and signed.
2. I have not met with Ron H to audit 4th Quarter. Alberta audited and signed.
3. MDA balance as of December 31, 2011: \$11,304.38 not including Conference profit.
4. This fund will merge into PNC bank which has \$14,621.09 (I didn't take out \$1,000 seed money from the conference fund yet).
5. Total MDA fund is \$25,925.47

Member's Report- Freida Morrison:

1. Current members: 128
2. Lifetime members: 19
3. Total members as of today: 147
4. Members not paid yet: 115
5. Affiliated Organizations due by April 1, 2012: 7
6. Collected dues for the year of 2011: \$1,373.00

Public Relations-Todd Morrison:

1. Created video- Senate Bill 638.
2. Created and distributed MDA business card
3. Unable to get response from Senator Pappageorge and Kahn. I will continue trying.
4. Communicated with Sergi from CSD RE: sharing information about Project Endeavor on MDA Face book and website.

Neal Mc Kenzie sworn in as Region Rep 1

Regional Representative Reports:

1. Region 1: Neal Mc Kenzie- none
2. Region 1: Patty Schultz: Sorry I am unable to attend this meeting. I have a conflict with DAD event as I am the chairperson for the Bank Nite. I am honored that Freida asked me to consider being chairperson for MDA Conference. Personally, I had to decline because I am a chairperson for DAD 100th Anniversary and also with my mother's situation. I talked with 2 members of DAD affiliation today. We will have discussion with Board of Governor next week. We plan to request DAD to host MDA 2013 Conference. We will try to find someone to be the chairperson and three of us will work together if DAD Board of Governor approve. I will email you after BG meeting next week.
3. Region 2: Elizabeth Bystricki- none
4. Region 2: Shelly Chu- none
5. Region 3: Vacant
6. Region 3: Vacant

7. Region 4: Phillip Williams- none
8. Region 4: Chris Hunter- none

Chapter Reports

1. Detroit - Inactive
2. Kalamazoo- Ron Hartman- none
3. Muskegon- Sheila Mc Clish- none

Member at Large

1. **Helen B:** MIRID is partnering with CAC, Deaf Can and Voice to bring Carla Mathers to provide legal training/workshop on March 10 & 11 2012. The workshop will be limited to National certified and BEI 3 interpreters. Workshop will be held at Mott Community College in Flint.
2. **MIRID-** no report
3. **MSDAA-** Mary Klein: If you want to know about updated MSD construction site, you may join our MSDAA group on Face book. There have been plenty of photos and videos on our Face book.

DODHH- no report

CAC- D. Mc Kittrick:

1. CAC is still open.
2. CAC office is housed in the Gilbert Hall.
3. Nancy Mc Kenzie retired in December. The board appointed Helen Boucher as an interim director. CAC is in reorganizing stage. They are not providing Video Relay service. They are not working with Powers VRS. CAC continue to provide residential program, Senior Citizens, community interpreter services and hire sub teachers at MSD.

DAD report- Susie Parnes:

1. DAD recently had an election and out new officers are: President: Robin Williams, Vice President: Carol Schorloff, Secretary: Larry Trayner, Treasurer: Craig Schorloff, Board of Governors: David Smith, Diane Snider, Ron Rood Sr, Susie Parnes and Susan Lundy. Board of Trustee: Senate Bush, Karen Groth, Tim O Jack.
2. DAD is having a Super bowl Party on Sunday February 5, 2012 with an exciting deaf celebrity, Ken Davis. He will take some movies and tell jokes/stories. It will be held at VFW Hall in Westland. Come and join us and have fun! For more information, you may contact us. Flyer is posted on Face book. See you there.
3. We are planning a Diabetic workshop, TBA
4. I am sending a money order of \$119.20 from DAD to donate to MDA fund, hopefully for Miss Deaf Michigan Ambassadorship or for the youth fund or as you wishes. It came from MDA Board Luncheon fundraiser at the MDA Board Meeting in South Lyon last year.
5. We received an ADA request from a deaf blind DAD member and we complied. We purchased a laptop TV and will plan to use a camera zoom large to any future speakers at our club. We plan

to set up a permanent table reservation close up view for our DINGO games and any events that may occur.

Deaf Can – Susan Lundy: none

Deaf Employment and Business Solution- Todd Morrison: none

DHHS- Roman Karpinski: none

FAD- Jon Hardenburg: none

GRAAD-Nancy Sams: none

DODHH Representative- Sheryl Emery: none

Committee reports:

1. Freida Morrison: Deaf Child's Bill of Rights.
2. Coalition, Diana Mc Kittrick- none
3. OCC ITP Advisory Council: Todd Morrison and Jon Hardenburg: none
4. By laws/PPG- Kat Vogtman: demonstrated power point slides. Kat will make few corrections and submit to Ex Board for review.

2011 Conference-(Freida Morrison.) It is unapproved. We earned \$ 14,021.09 and returned \$1,000 to MDA for loaning seed money. MDA made a profit of \$13, 021.09. The profit will go to MDA

Conference 2013: Pending

MDMAP-None

MDA 125 anniversary- Possible work with MSDAA alumni to host banquet.

Public Comments:

Warren Cordyell- He wants to make sure everyone knows he means well- first of all my concerns is MDA is slowly going down. Most of us are getting old but where are the young people? Many young people are not involved in MDA.

MSD is important but we should look at mainstream schools and teach them

Deaf communities should stop saying "I don't know who the person is" when it comes to write letter of support or sign petition. We should look at the viewpoint not at the person.

Recruit new deaf people by getting them on committees.

Get more people involved

Last concern- MDA should allow more time for public comments not restricted to bi annual conference or 4 meetings every year. Five minutes comments are very limited.

MDA should focus on:

1. Youth
2. Leadership
3. HS students
4. More member involvements

Unfinished Business-None

New Business- New strategic plan and MSD need MDA rep to work with planning team.

Announcement-none

Next Board Meeting at DHHS in Grand Rapids. More details will come.

MDA Picnic- June 16th - at Kalamazoo. More details will come.

Adjourned- 2:30 pm

Submitted by
Kathy Mitchell