

DCARA Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2024

Minutes approved – January 2024 Board Meeting

I. Call to order

Jerry Grigsby called to order the regular meeting of the DCARA at 3:10 pm PST on March 9, 2024 in-person at Berkeley Public Library.

II. Roll call

Jerry Grigsby conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Kal Baoerjiin, Mat Domenichini, and Executive Director Amy Gomme.

III. Motion to accept the meeting agenda

Jerry moved that the meeting agenda be accepted. The Board accepted tonight's Agenda.

IV. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Jerry Grigsby moved that the Board accept the November meeting minutes as read. The motion passed.

V. Board's Report

Lead Jerry Grigsby: Announced that DCARA is doing very well under Amy Gomme and encourage to continue the transparency between Amy and the board members.

Board Member Kalexin Baoerjiin: Kal shared his concern about recruiting new Board Members.

Board Member Mat Domenichini: No report at this time.

VI. Committee Report

Board Recruitment Committee - Mat explained about the modified process to recruit new board members and to encourage the community to join the DCARA Board. If you want to join, please go to the DCARA website and apply.

Future of DCC - Jerry: Currently a low priority and maintain the capacity of people in the building

Fundraising Committee - Jerry: Foreseeing a couple of events coming soon.

Bylaw Committee - Jerry: Bylaw draft approved by board and currently pending for final review by Mark Apodaca and Daniel Cravens.

Finance Committee - Kal: DCARA currently has \$1,249,000 in the bank with \$874,000 outstanding debts. On paper, it shows DCARA is spending more than they are making. It is not accurate due to delay in collecting money for services through CQ. Overall \$2.9 millions in assets and \$921,000 in liabilities.

VII. Executive Director Amy Gomme:

DCARA has been doing excellent since our last board meeting. We continue to experience growing pains with the restructuring of the Interpreting Services Department, as the business practices that the previous employees/owner has established were not of best practices in general. We have been in the process of making some changes to business practices in hopes of being more ethical.

Other than interpreting services, our services departments are doing absolutely amazing. Staff members have attended training, workshops, conferences, and hosted events! Our services continue to be our top priority, as our community has different needs throughout DCARA's 14 counties.

DCARA recently at our last Full Staff Meeting have been doing spotlights for departments. This allows for crossover training so each staff member from various departments get to learn more about what the department does.

Our Love & Literacy Event happened today, and we had a great turnout of over 120 registered attendees. Thanks to Mat Domenchini who volunteered to be a participant at this event.

We look forward to the upcoming San Jose Sharks event which is a fundraiser and will occur on April 5, 2024.

VIII. Unfinished Business

No old Business.

IX. New business

Jerry moved that the board authorize Amy to sell the trolley by all means necessary at a minimal price of \$30,000. The board approved the motion and was passed unanimously.

New Business closed

X. Announcement

Jake Go asked a question about DeafBlind service. Amy replied to please refer to CEP.

XI. Adjournment

Jerry Grigsby adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm PST

Minutes submitted by Mat Domenichini