

April 9th, 2013
DCARA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 6:15 PM

Present: Sharif Rashedi, Steve Longo, Lonnie Tanenberg, Alison Amable, Kenton Twidt and Chris Held

Excused: none

Unexcused: none

Staff Present: Executive Director James Brune, IT Support Specialist Bradley Rodrigues and Assistant to ED Rebecca Chow

Visitors: none

Staff Spotlight: Jolene Mahoney-Beaver – Client Support Specialist (Fremont)

Officers' Reports

President Rashedi:

I would like to give Alison Amable a warm welcome to the DCARA Board.

Tonight please think about who you would like to nominate for the Treasurer and Secretary position, We will discuss this at the end of the meeting if time allows.

Tonight we will be focusing on DCARA's Vision, Values and Mission. So before we get started I want to share a few things with you.

I want to emphasize that your role as members of the Board of Directors for DCARA is not something to be taken lightly. The community looks to us for guidance and leadership. We should strive to be respectable and use good judgment at all times, this includes any events we may attend where community members are present. This is not limited to DCARA events. You are a representative of this agency wherever you go and are accountable.

The board has the weight of other organizations depending on us. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) by way of Deaf Disabled Telecommunications Program (DDTP) is looking to the board to make sure DCARA is steered in the right direction. As you know DCARA was awarded 100K for the DETC, and they look to the Board of Directors to make sure this is used accordingly.

You are important, you should be proud of what you do and your role in the eyes of the community.

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Vice President Tanenberg:

Pancake breakfast on April 28th from 9 am to 12pm in Marin needs help with spreading the word and President Rashedi will be working the sign in and ticket table at the event. Please come! First time to have a fundraising event for DCARA in Marin.

Secretary: Vacant – No Report

Interim Treasurer Longo:

Proposed for discussion: for DCARA events over \$500 part of money goes to DCC
Biggest requests for DCC: add hot water, expand kitchen (FYI it's normal for us to be 2 months behind on financial reports, looking at Feb now in April)
Amable suggested we collaborate with other Boards (i.e. of sister agencies) – meet ups/part of staff retreat?
Fundraising meeting Thurs, April 11th, 2013

Reports from DCARA

Executive Director: Jim Brune

Focus on strategic planning – overview of process as emailed out from Jim,
discussion of vision/mission/values statements: debate over inclusion of “hard of hearing” – decided to remove it and use lower case deaf as all inclusive
Vision statement has 2 “ands” near each other –
Staff will discuss statements at April 26 FSM (DCC, 1-3pm) – board is invited to join
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We can work on a shorter slogan/motto later in the process

Working with Deaf Hope

Jim explained the history, and plan for division of services (emergency DV/SV to deaf hope, advocacy share services-already duplicated sometimes; training at FSM to increase understanding but not to take over services; put on community actability forums together) – discussion of concerns about “partnering”
Jim agreed that the developed MOU will be sent to board for review before anything is signed

Old Business

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New Business

MO040913-1 Held (Tanenberg) – Held moved to accept the Finance Committee’s recommendation that the Board approve the February 2013 finance reports. (MSPassed)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sharif Rashedi
President

Accepted as read

Accepted as corrected