

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
January 16, 2013 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Kendra Gottsleben, Matt Pruner, and Vicki Nelson.

Commission members absent: Chelle Hart and Nancy Johnson

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager and Carol Garry , Human Relations Assistant

Guest(s) present:

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Briggs moved to approve the December 19, 2012, meeting minutes; Carmichael seconded.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Continuing Business**

Committees - Updates –

**ARTAbility** – Committee = Johnson, Farabee (Chairperson), Gottsleben and Carmichael

There will be twenty-two artists exhibiting art for the third annual ARTAbility; fifteen females and seven males. The menu from Accents on Events includes: veggie tray with ranch dip; meat/cheese with crackers; pinwheel sandwiches; chips & salsa; meat balls w/bbq sauce; egg rolls; cookies and brownies. All of the tableware and staff will be provided by the caterer. Carmichael will provide the punch and Garry will pick up some glasses.

The deadline to RSVP is January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Farabee checked available dates for the next exhibit - Nov/Dec of 2014. (Subsequent email corrects this to Nov/Dec of 2013 and Jan/Feb of 2014) Should we reserve the space now or wait to see what this year's turnout is before we commit to doing it again. We may want to see if a better time is available in 2015, too. Gottsleben will assume the chairperson duties after May.

Garry will provide sheet protectors for exhibitors in which to put their certificates.

**Awareness** – Committee = Briggs (Chairperson), Nelson, Johnson, & Hart

On January 28<sup>th</sup> Moran and Briggs have scheduled a disability etiquette presentation for one of the Optimist clubs. The meeting is at noon at the eastside Pizza Ranch. Pruner volunteered to be involved and Nelson will ask Hart if she would like to participate.

No further word from Esurance about providing training for their orientation sessions.

**Citizens on Parking Patrol (COPP)** – Committee = (Chairperson), Pruner, Brooks, staff

The subcommittee met to discuss the research done by Brooks and Pruner. In looking over what other municipalities are doing, they agreed that Omaha may be a good choice to use as a pattern for our program. The next step will have staff reviewing Omaha's program to see how we can make it work for us and Brooks and Pruner will put together an outline for the training guide.

**Spread the Word to End the Word** –the Sioux Falls Business Resource Network has been working with SD Special Olympics to create posters for this event. March 3, 2013, is the designated day, but plans are to make it a week-long event. A change this year has participants signing a poster instead of logging onto a computer to take the pledge. The program is designed for high school students, but younger students can also participate. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Briggs for a poster.

### **New Business**

**Election of Officers** – January (or first meeting of the year) election of officers is required by ordinance. Carmichael moved to keep the current slate of officers – co-chair, Julie Briggs and Vicki Nelson, and third officer is Chelle Hart. Farabee seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **HRC Report**

No January HRC meeting – no report

### **Roundtable/Public Comment**

Carmichael –She will be moving by April, May at the latest.

Farabee – She is working too many hours. She is doing all of the traffic for Young Broadcasting's station here in Sioux Falls.

Briggs – Thanks for the work on ARTAbility and thanks to Gottsleben for taking on the chairperson role. SF Business Resource Network is looking for testimonials from individuals or organizations. Also 'like' BRN on Facebook. She would also like to mention that Moran is the new chair of the BRN Board of Directors.

Brooks – 2013 fundraiser for the Compass Center– ‘It’s in the Bag’ is February 7<sup>th</sup> at Icon Lounge. They have had four Coach bags donated! She is also working on their State and United Way funding grants.

Moran – Our Facebook page is live, please go on Facebook and ‘like’ us. Please provide any ideas for postings.

Pruner – He had a job interview at Independent Living Choices and he should know next week if the job is his.

Gottsleben – New executive director expected at the end of January. She has a presentation in Vermillion and has been featured in 605 magazine and on KSFY-TV.

Nelson – SD Rehab is working on starting up a Project Search in Brookings.

Garry – Would like suggestions for possible DAC candidates.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, **Brooks moved and Carmichael seconded to adjourn**; the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2013 @ 3:00pm, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.