



Commission for People with Disabilities (CFPD)
March 20, 2012
Room 14 Governmental Center/Potomac Building
Minutes

Attendees: Susan Erichsen, Christina Bishop, Janet Smith, Mary Ann Coontz, Sam Brown, Cynthia Brown, Carole Woodward, Lois Coryell, Patrice Roberts and Bill Nicholas.

Members Excused: Pamala Emplit, Sheral St. Clair, Rebecca Kessler and Jennifer Neff

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Susan Erichsen.

Minutes: Susan Erichsen asked members to review the minutes. *Minutes were reviewed, approved and amended to include members who were present at February's meeting.*

Finance Report – Cynthia Brown stated the Commission is ready to place the order for the bags that are going to be used for the giveaways. She asked members for vendor information.

ADA Coordinator Report – Christina Bishop received an application to be appointed to the Maryland State Commission of People with Disabilities and is considering to applying. ADA regulations that were put in place last year are in effect as of March 15, 2012.

Commission Reports

Etiquette Handbook: C. Bishop stated that next year the Commission will need to solicit new sponsors to help pay for the next printing of the booklet

Awareness Display - Library: Members who have been in the libraries complimented the display boards and have received positive feedback from the public as well.

Earth Day: S. Erichsen volunteered to man the table for Earth Day on behalf of the Commission. Earth Day is April 22, 2012 in Downtown Leonardtown. The Commission's booth will be located on Fenwick Street.

Commercials: No report.

Wounded Warriors: Carole Woodward saw an article in the newspaper in February on Wounded Warriors and sent an email to Paula Hummer (sp?) of NAVAIR to inquire about a representative from their organization to participate on the Commission's Board. C. Woodward received an email back from P. Hummer stating that she could have a person come out to speak about the work of the organization. Pamala Emplit was looking to have an actual "wounded warrior" to sit on the Commission. The Commission thought the idea of someone coming in to share about wounded warriors was a great idea and wanted to know if the person could come to the May 15, 2012 CFPD meeting. C Woodward will try and secure the person from NAVAIR.

C. Bishop along with C. Woodward will be attending Patuxent High School's Wounded Warriors employment presentation on March 26, 2012 – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Lions Club: No report.

Awards: No report.

CFPD Team Meeting: No report

County Fair: No report.

ADA Anniversary Celebration: C. Brown received correspondence from Greenwell, that all of October is available to hold the ADA Anniversary Celebration. The event will be held October 3, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. –

1:00 p.m. The focus will be employment. C. Brown will take charge for getting the Proclamation from the Commissioners done on October 2nd. The Commission will ask the PIO about filming the event.

Speakers Bureau: No report.

Holiday Party: It was suggested to the Commission to have a party inviting those with and without disabilities to the Christmas Party making it inclusive to all. After much discussion the members decided this year's party will remain the same, however integration and inclusion efforts will be a more frequent agenda item in the future.

Announcements:

C. Brown, C. Bishop and Sam Brown will be attending the Fair Housing Proclamation on April 10, 2012.

The 20th Annual Southern Maryland Caregivers Conference will be held Friday, April 27, 2012, at the Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick, MD. R. Kessler stated to the Commission that if they knew of a caregiver who wanted to go to the conference but can not afford to, please call her.

Old Business:

New Business:

Next Meeting: *The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.*

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ursula Harris.