

**South Dakota Association of the Deaf
Board of Directors
Meeting
October 2, 2009**

The Board of Directors of South Dakota Association of the Deaf, Inc., held a meeting on October 2, 2009 at 7:15 PM at the SDAD Center. Present at the meeting were Tom Kober, President, Nikki Darland, Vice President, Arlin Devish, Treasurer, Mark Johnson, Wendell Mitchell, Patty Kuglitsch, Pat Anderson O'Neill and Tim Jackson. Dave Dahle, Secretary was absent. President Kober asked Patty Kuglitsch to be secretary for that evening.

Approximately 20 SDAD members were present.

Nikki Darland took an oath as SDAD Vice President.

Arlin Devish (Mark Johnson) moved to approve the agenda. (Carried)

There was no meeting minutes since this was the first board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

There were no financial reports at this time as the transition was in process.

President's Report

1) Tom Kober had several meeting with Ben Soukup, CSD Chief Executive Officer. SDAD-CSD Agreement for SDAD Programs was revisited. CSD has been SDAD's staunch support in different capacity such as snack bar operations, staffing, travel expenses for NAD Conference, SDAD Conference, travel for SDAD Board meeting off site and maintenance of SDAD Center. SDAD will have a new contract for staffing at the Snack Bar.

2) President Kober and five (5) SDAD representatives attended Interpreting Work Group meetings several times. The State of South Dakota established the work group to work on various interpreting issues. Several members were unable to attend for some reasons and President Kober will appoint new representatives. At the last meeting President Kober sent a letter of grievance to the State. The issue was the quality of the interpreters and the State used interpreters with provisional certification. The meeting was very important and the State should have hired the best quality of interpreters. The State responded with an apology. Mr. Kober read the letter to the board and members. SDAD's job is to ensure that the State of South Dakota maintains the best quality of interpreters.

3) Tom Kober, President, Arlin Devish, Treasurer and Jane Souhrada, past Treasurer went to the bank and transferred the authorization of signatures. Now only Mr. Kober and Mr. Devish are the authorized signers for checks and any transactions.

4) Tom Kober, President, Nikki Darland, Vice President and Larry Puthoff, SDAD Delegate will participate in NAD's National Leadership Training on October 30-November 1, 2009. At the same time there will be NAD Region II Conference. The trip will make possible through CSD's sponsorship.

5) In the past CSD had an employee working at the SDAD Center as Snack Bar Specialist. Two years ago SDAD assumed the responsibility of the operations at the Snack Bar. There was no

contract or agreement for staffing. A new contract for Snack Bar Coordinator was developed and now is under the legal review. The contract will be renewed every 6 months.

6) For communications protocol, the President of SDAD is the spokesperson. Anything that is related to media, flyers, etc will go through the President for approvals. Dissemination of flyers 2 weeks in advance is strongly encouraged.

Vice President's Report

Nikki Darland developed 2010 calendar by working with all affiliated organizations. The calendar needed to be approved by the Board. Events that come up during 2010 can be added to the calendar.

Secretary's Report

Since the Secretary was not present, there was no report.

Treasurer's Report

Arlin Devish was pleased to announce that SDAD now had 221 members, including 4 new members.

Mr. Devish is now working on the transition by working with the past treasurer.

Board Members' Report

The board members expressed a concern about the email system for SDAD Board. This will be addressed shortly.

The meeting was called for a recess at 8:00 PM.

The meeting was resumed at 8:15 PM.

Committees' Report

Since the Board had assumed the responsibilities of committees, President Kober explained committee's duties and responsibilities that are listed as follows:

Finance Committee – Responsible for the oversight of SDAD Center financials and any referred motions that are more than \$250.

Governance Committee – Responsible for SDAD bylaws, house policies, game policies and grievances.

Education Committee – Responsible for addressing concerns or issues relating to the education for deaf and hard of hearing children.

Technology Committee – Responsible for technology such as email system, captioning and others and ensuring that members have access to SDAD information.

Public Relations Committee – Responsible for any media relations matters, SDAD booths, dissemination of SDAD information.

Conference Committee – Responsible for the planning of SDAD bi-annual conference.

Legislative Committee – Responsible for any legislative issues that have any impact on deaf and hard of hearing constituents in South Dakota and advocacy activities.

SDAD Programs – Responsible for the oversight of Snack Bar operations, Miss Deaf South Dakota, SDAD News and Museum.

Recreation Committee – Responsible for the coordination of big events: picnic, camping, etc.

President Kober asked each Chair to give reports.

Finance Committee Report

Arlin Devish, Chair had no finance report but named his committee members: Xylo Beashears and Brian Reno. As for the auditors Mr. Devish named Cindy Fiani, Janet Newell and Jane Souhrada.

Governance Committee Report

Patty Kuglitsch, Chair had no reports and she named David Soukup and Larry Puthoff as committee members.

Education Committee Report

Nikki Darland, Chair had no reports and her committee members were Don Browning and Mark Gunderson.

Technology Report

Tim Jackson, Chair had no reports and named Kevin Barber as a committee member.

Conference Committee Report

Pat Anderson O'Neill, Chair announced that SDAD had secured the reservation at Cedar Shore Hotel in Chamberlain on June 17-18, 2011. Her committee members were: Mark Johnson and Deb Brozik.

Legislative Committee Report

Nikki Darland, Chair had no reports and had several names in her mind but she had not asked them yet.

SDAD Program Committee Report

Tom Kober, Chair asked Mark Johnson, Recreation Center Coordinator to give reports. The reports included SDAD House Potluck, WII Fundraiser, SDAD Events, SDAD Games, Friday Activities, Use of the Center and Current Schedule for October, November and December.

Larry Puthoff has accepted to continue as the Editor of SDAD News. He would appreciate the Board's assistance in providing him information or articles.

Recreation Committee Report

Wendell Mitchell, **Recreation** Chair had no reports and would like to have a list of SDAD members so he could recruit some to serve on his committee.

There was no unfinished business.

Kevin Barber, who was on technology committee during the previous term, was asked to explain the process of the email system to the board as some board members were experiencing some problems. There was a discussion on how to address the problems. Nikki Darland (Mark Johnson) moved to defer discussion. (Carried)

New Business:

Nikki Darland (Patty Kuglitsch) moved that SDAD establish a planning committee for SDAD's 130th Anniversary and SDSA's 110th Anniversary celebration in 2010. (Carried)

Arlin Devish (Mark Johnson) moved that SDAD host Halloween party on October 31st. (Carried)

Patty Kuglitsch (Nikki Darland) moved that the SDAD Center remain closed on 4th and 5th Saturday. (Carried)

Mark Johnson (Tim Jackson) moved that SDAD sponsor the carnival on Thursday, October 29th and the proceeds will go to Education for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. (Carried)

Nikki Darland (Wendell Mitchell) moved that SDAD become a member of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children by sharing mutual values and mission to advocate for the rights of deaf and hard of hearing in the State of South Dakota. (Carried)

Mark Johnson moved that SDAD look into acquiring alcoholic beverages (beer and wine coolers) license. The motion was referred to the Governance Committee.

Patty Kuglitsch (Arlin Devish) moved to approve SDAD Committee Chairpersons. (Carried)

Mark Johnson (Pat Anderson O'Neill) moved to approve committee members of all committees. (Carried)

Nikki Darland (Patty Kuglitsch) moved to approve 2010 calendar with corrections. (Carried)

Nikki Darland (Patty Kuglitsch) moved that SDAD send a thank you letter to CSD for the sponsorship in sending three delegates to NAD's National Leadership Training Conference. (Carried)

Nikki Darland (Mark Johnson) moved that SDAD stands position to push higher quality of interpreters for any reasons. (Carried)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Announcements

The next board meeting will be January 15, 2010 at the SDAD Center.

SDAD will host the Holiday dinner on December 12th and the board was expected to help out with the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kuglitsch
Secretary

