

DHHSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2008

Call to Order – 7:12 p.m. Dave Smith presiding

Board Members Present: Dave Smith, President (DS), Bryan Minas, Vice-President (BM), John Eberwein, Treasurer (JE), Renee Nealy, Secretary (RN), Alissa Vigil (AV)

Board Members Absent: none

DHHSC Staff Members Present: Danielle (Dani) Thompson: Executive Director, Susan Coulter: Program Manager, Kathy Yoshida: Director of Interpreting Services

Visitors: Jennifer Roberts, Jovette McCallon, Marilyn McCallon, Jimmy Soto, Rebecca Sortwell, Michael Michner, Janet Drane, Annette Carter, Gary Leung, Chantel Cox, Nicole Wolfe,

Interpreters: Pam Warkentin, Lauren Scott, Kendra Cronk, Cheryl Parreira,

Interpreter Interns: Laura Carter, Jana Clutter

Public Comments (3 minutes per visitor) –

Marilyn McCallon: We, as a Deaf community, need to support DHHSC so we need to get the word out for people to come to the board meetings. Suggestion to the treasurer that it would be helpful if there was a simplified version of the financial report put on an overhead projector so people in the audience could follow along.

Approval of Agenda Items – approved by consent

Approval of August 23, 2008 Board Minutes – approved by consent as read

President's Report – DS

Welcome to everyone that is here tonight! It's nice to see more people in attendance. The state budget has not been passed yet and it makes me very nervous. September is Deaf Awareness month and there are lots of activities planned for the last week in September.

Vice-President's Report – BM

I am also happy everyone is here for the meeting; it's nice to see my old friend Mike here tonight. The U.S. economy is not in good shape, I'm concerned. We will work hard as board members and rally behind DHHSC and do our best to serve DHHSC.

Secretary's Report – RN – none

Treasurer's Report – JE

Auditor for DHHSC, Gary Leung, presented his report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. The report was reviewed and discussed.

Executive Director's Report – Danielle Thompson

A. I appreciate all the staff who works here at DHHSC. October will be my one year anniversary at DHHSC, and it's been a challenge. The Deaf community is very different here than from the east coast; Fresno is not as diverse as I expected it to be. The community here is so cohesive and friendly; they are committed to DHHSC and there is a lot of teamwork with the agency staff, I'm happy to see that collaborative teamwork.

B. One big challenge is the budget; the governor has not signed it yet which makes me nervous. I haven't heard anything from Sacramento, as soon as the governor signs it they'll notify us. I'm worried because after October our cash flow will not be adequate to pay our staff and operating costs.

C. We have applied for several grants but have not heard if they have been approved. We applied for a \$10,000 Fresno Regional grant, an \$8,000 Art Foundation grant, and one Federal grant.

D. There are several events happening in September and October, but all the November and December events have been put on hold until the budget gets solved. Everyone here at the Fresno office is doing great, all the outreach offices are doing good too; we're all busy. DS commented on how happy we are to have Dani.

Committee Reports –

Personnel Committee – AV –

AV and DS will meet to work on Dani's evaluation

Bylaws Committee – RN – none

Fundraising Committee – none

Outreach Committee – none

General Board Comments – none

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

XIV. Public Comments (specific to agenda – 3 minutes per visitor) –

Announcements –

A. All events are posted on HYPERLINK "http://www.dhhsc.org" www.dhhsc.org

B. Deaf Awareness Week is September 19-27, 2008

C. On Friday September 19 the movie "Wrong Game" will be shown at Clovis Memorial, the cost is \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased at DHHSC or at Clovis Memorial.

D. September 26 is International Sign Language Day and there is an event in Sacramento. We are seeking a charter bus to take people from Fresno to Sacramento for this event and hope to have at least 30 people, but there are 49 seats available on the bus. The cost is \$40.00 round trip and one way is \$25.00 and will arrive back on Fresno about 8:00 p.m. CAD is co-sponsoring this event with California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. DS reminded everyone that there will only be a limited number of interpreters available that weekend because RID will also be in Sacramento.

Closed Session – Personnel

Adjournment – 9:55 p.m.

Date of Next Local Board Meeting: October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. DHHSC – Fresno

Submitted by Renee Nealy, Secretary

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