



Board of Directors
June 7, 2018
Newington Town Hall Room L101
131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT
2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

In attendance: Erik Barbieri, William DeMaio, Debbie Moore, June O'Leary, William Peirce, Suzanne Oslander, Dianne Stone (ADACC Consultant), Karen Green-New England Life Span Management Company

I. Call to Order

Regular meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President William DeMaio.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion made by Erik Barbieri "to accept the May 3, 2018, 2018 minutes," seconded by Bill Pierce; so carried by unanimous vote.

III. Finance Report

Financial Report distributed. Chairman DeMaio reported that we are in good shape financially. Presently, we have approximately 60,000.00 in our account. Upcoming expenses include:

ADA National Symposium (\$5,000.00)

ADA Event Sponsorships for Newington (\$300.00) and New Britain (\$300.00)

IV. Updates from Contracted Support for ADACC

-Dianne Stone and Chairman DeMaio reported that they recently met with Chris Carter from New England Life Span to evaluate contracted services provided by Karen Green. Overall, pleased with the great headway that has been made, inclusive of an increase in ADACC membership due to the efforts of greater awareness and presence put forth by Karen Green through the website, newsletter, training information e-mails, and added incentives to join with "Members Only" accessible information; quarterly trainings; and website/accessibility even better. Chairman DeMaio reported that the first quarter Karen has put in more hours than expected- will re-negotiate at the end of the year.

-At this time, upcoming goal is to work on by-laws and legal status. Debbie Moore volunteered to assist with NELSM, Chairman DeMaio and Dianne Stone to work on this project.

-Karen reported that the "Toolkit" will be ready for July 1, 2018.

-Items for new members disused. Karen will be sending out to new members a packet with a folder, factsheet from the website, training schedule, decal, pen, and Title II cards.

-Newsletter- 1st is complimentary. From the consolidated list Karen has created of all municipalities ADA contacts, e-mails are sent quarterly enticing them to join with all the benefits ADACC has to offer, as newsletter content is action packed and information filled! Karen encouraged everyone to submit articles or events that would be of interest.

V. Report from Dianne Stone

-Training Committee needs more members. Need to review and ascertain what courses need to be offered. Develop and maintain a list of individuals from CT who are interested in being trainers. Fortunately, Kathy Gips and Stacy Hart are willing to be trainers for us.

-The Florence-Griswold Museum has contacted us to evaluate ADA compliance. A consistent approach to address such requests discussed.

VI. ADA NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Sunday, June 17, 2018 – Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Chairman DeMaio, William Pierce and June O'Leary will be attending the conference.

VII. Training Committee Review of June 1, 2018 Workshop

-For the 1st class, 11 people attended -great for such short notice. Consideration to have timeframe changed, but this is due to the availability of presenter to get to training. Room set- up was good, and light breakfast very nice, extra treat with breakfast sandwiches and ice cream greatly appreciated from Chairman DeMaio. Certificates were given to all participants. Overall, feedback was very positive from attendees.

-Approximately 7 people already registered for future classes.

VIII. Board Membership

Chairman DeMaio reported that he is very proud of this group and all that has been accomplished, especially because of the work Karen and Dianne have done to get us to this point, and now, he is comfortable recruiting more board members. Board members worked to identify individuals from higher education, the disability community, and business community to join our group, efforts will be made to reach out to identified persons.

IX. Other Business

-Erik Barbieri reported that the City of New Britain is working on "Diabetes Management" policies, working collaboratively with the NB Health/Nursing Dept. staff, Consolidated School District of New Britain nursing supervisor, and the New Britain Parks and Recreation staff to create written plans regarding diabetes management.

-William Pierce discussed the changes in the number of rails for bathrooms. Debbie Moore shared that this was due to building code changes.

-June O'Leary shared that Bryce Weiler, who operates a non- profit organization that aims to help individuals with disabilities have better experiences through sports, has partnered with the New Britain Bees Professional Baseball Team to create "Field of Dreams" events for the 2018 baseball season. Bryce just helped the City of New Britain put several forms in Braille. He is interested in assisting any municipality with putting forms in Braille. June will send contact information.

X. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Erik Barbieri made a motion, seconded by Bill Pierce "To adjourn meeting at 3:35 p.m.", so carried by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 5, 2018

