

## Committee for the Disabled

Minutes from the meeting held Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 6pm

### Call to order

Present were Cheryl Carroll, Jack Magee, Denise Nicolosi, Kathy Cole, Mary Jane Schomber, James Patrick and Brenda Sprigman. Joining us tonight were Kristen Veit from RiverWinds and Denice DiCarlo Committeewoman.

### Old Business

(Comments in italics are from tonight regarding the statements from last meeting)

One item we need to know very soon is about the charter of this committee.

*Committeewoman DiCarlo will ask Lee Ann where it is and if we need to amend any bylaws in order to ensure a more orderly transition of members on or off. We reviewed the copies of the budget printed by Lee Ann on 5/23/2012 which gave us information on expenditures previously for special education scholarships and also for River sharks games. We are still unclear about the process of filing for and obtaining grants as it appears to be the sole responsibility of Lee Ann.*

### New Business

Kristen Veit described the grant obtained for RiverWinds and how we may leverage our committee work with that of the staff and functions of RiverWinds. As we still are not in possession of a charter we are still not sure of how our committee should operate in areas such as this. Absent a charter and given a broad purview of promoting involvement of people with disabilities in our community, we returned to our ideas of helping veterans, children and adults who are no longer covered through academic programs.

Kathy Cole and Jane Schomber with contact ARC, the Lions Club and local VFW to see how best to identify areas we may be able to assist that compliment current programs or activities. Denise DiCarlo will reach out to the women's auxiliary group to also see how best to reach veterans. Denise Nicolosi will follow up on veterans' issues which may not be met through current programs with Tony H. Special Olympics is a possibility we could leverage assistance to also.

We then had discussions surrounding looking at current events that are being held at RiverWinds already in order to keep costs down, but still involve people with disabilities. Two current events are the Spooky Palooza and the Holiday Children's activities both of which are held in the foyer. A previous idea submitted by President Cheryl Carroll was to show some Sprout movies which have been produced by or star children with disabilities. Cheryl will follow up on obtaining these to show at an event.

Committeewoman DiCarlo also gave Denise Nicolosi a name (Cheryl \_\_\_ I didn't hear last name) to follow up with getting information out to school children. All letters are compiled through Greg Lay so we need to be informed as to the due dates of mailings we want to get information in. Alternatively it is possible to have a separate mailing if the need arises. Our Vice President James Patrick will be responsible for keeping track of expenditures and our budget as we develop it for ideas proposed.

Another idea discussed is participating in the Memorial Day Parade. This will be almost no cost but we are not sure where it fits within our tenure until we see the charter and bylaws but we don't want to lose the idea.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Given our tight time schedule further business may be conducted via emails until we formerly meet again.

Motion to adjourn made by Brenda Sprigman, second by Kathy Cole.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Brenda L. Sprigman  
Secretary  
Committee for the Disabled.