

MCDAB January 14th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the following attendees present:

Maura Wroblewski
Jennessa Crosswy
Tracy Bailey
Dawson Brown
Diana Jean
Amy Patterson
Jenny Evers
Gene Velez

We began the meeting with introductions as we have a couple of newer members. We quickly moved into discussion around Making Waves. This event is held on the second Saturday of each month and is open to individuals and families with special needs. The event was cancelled recently because of weather. Diana agreed to be “in charge” of the event, coordinating the marketing piece as well as coverage for the event. Matt will make sure Diana can receive emails for the event and Jenny will contact Norma regarding the flyer and posting on Facebook.

Jennessa brought the group up to speed on the next function that MCDAB is participating in. The Easter Egg Hunt is usually the Saturday before Easter (will confirm the date in the near future). Last year, the group spent around \$340 on food and refreshments. Dawson made a motion to approve spending \$400 for this year’s event, Amy seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Maura brought all members a copy of the bylaws and membership information. Discussion was had around the mission of MCDAB, purpose of each “seat/qualification” of membership, our focus and our commitment for 2020. Maura ask that we draw our attention to certain sections of the bylaws (the purpose, Section 1, Funding, Section 9 and Powers and Duties, Section 10). We talked about making the greatest impact on individuals with disabilities who live within Madison City limits. Maura informed the group that MCDAB receives around \$4500 from the city, which is about 90% of our budget. It is important that we are doing due diligence with that money and that we are addressing the city’s concerns. Joey Cook’s name was also brought up as a potential member and we talked briefly about Don Garner who assisted with making a video to bring awareness and attention to individuals with disability’s rights.

We discussed the Madison Street Festival as a way to reach out to Madison residents. It costs around \$70 but is a Madison City function where residents (both new and old) can learn more about resources.

Jennessa will present MCDAB at the city council meeting in the near future. She will be responsible for showing how our money was spent over the last 12 months.

For the upcoming year, we would like to promote MCDAB via flyers, social media events and videos. An event in the near future is ReadyFest. Maura plans on reaching out to Matt to see about updating our

flyer to include pertinent information. Members were also interested in moving forward with videos that bring awareness to individuals with disabilities as well as MCDAB and how we can be a valuable resource.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: