

MCDAB November 9th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm with the following attendees present:

Maura Wroblewski
Jennessa Crosswy
Amy Patterson (virtual)
Matt McLellan
Dawson Brown
Joey Cook (virtual)
Diana Jean
Tracey Slaughter (virtual)
Gene Velez-Graham (virtual)

With a quorum present, Chairperson Jennessa Crosswy called the meeting to order at 6:10. Dawson motioned and Matt seconded to accept the October minutes. Maura will forward them to the City Clerk's office for publication to the MCDAB page on the City website.

- The Haunted Kingdom was a great success. Over \$9,000 was raised in the three days it was open. Unfortunately, one of the days was rained out. The proceeds will go to the Kid's Kingdom renovation project. Some suggestions for next year would be to set aside a day (maybe the final Sunday?) or a time (maybe before it's opened to the general population?) for those families with special needs to have a time of their own. This could avoid a wait time, or possibly when it's crowded, for those families to have the Kingdom to themselves. If this is not possible, we would request a special line for those with special needs to be able to wait in.
- Making Connections has asked MCDAB to support their Christmas event. It will be Sunday, December 12. Norma Pederson with Making Connections invites all Madison families with special needs members to participate. Matt motioned and Dawson seconded that we commit \$100 to the event.
- The City of Madison Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 11th at 5:30. Christmas parade – Jennessa has already purchased some décor to decorate the trailer (car decorating kit, LED lights) and candy. Matt motioned and Diana seconded that the group will spend up to \$500 for the banner, decorations and candy. Jennessa will have adults pass out our MCDAB bags to those along the parade route that might be interested in having one. Maura will get the details from Kory about the parade set up time and route. There will be no charge for MCDAB to participate. Matt will provide the trailer and will make a banner for the vehicle. Gene will look to see if she has a Santa and an elf costume. Other members of the group will purchase candy (Halloween candy on sale) as they shop. The group will begin decorating on Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 in the Absolute Nutrition parking lot.
- The group approved the spending of \$500 for MCDAB sweatshirts. We will wear these the day of the parade and will have for future events. Apparel Lab will make the shirts.

- Jennessa reported at the city council meeting. All went well; however, we do not have a check yet.
- Matt informed the group that the order for the playground equipment has been placed. Both Corey and Matt have been working behind the scenes to ensure that high quality playground pieces were purchased. Discussion has also been had around a “Tribute Wall” (Eagle Scout project) where people recount their memories and experiences at the “old” Kids Kingdom. Jennessa reminded the group that the adult changing tables that will be purchased for the playground can be simple structures, nothing elaborate, that will serve the purpose of a changing table and a place for other siblings to sit while guardians are tending to others. Jennessa also informed the group about communication boards and the use of these boards at accessible playgrounds. She is going to find out additional information and pass along to the group for consideration.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: