

March 2015 Minutes
Madison City Disability Advocacy Board
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Date: March 10, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Conference Room 130

Presiding: Keith Bedsole, Chairperson

Recorder: Joni Haas

Board Members Present: Joni Haas, Cynthia Allison, Paula Cushman, Keith Bedsole, Tina Beacraft, Willard Brooks

Board Members Absent: Larry Povinelli, Gerald Clark, Jackie Wilson-Bradley

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: The Chairperson, Keith Bedsole, called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. It was noted that sufficient prior notice of the meeting was given, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Announcements: Making Waves is planned to start March 21, Tina Beacraft will confirm with the YMCA. Tina will also send email to Tracy Butterfield : shawnbutterfield@bellsouth.net to get the list of Making Wave attendees e-mail addresses so we can make sure to notify them about the March 21st event.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Keith Bedsole noted a quorum was present from the regular January and February meeting. Paula Cushman made the motion that the January minutes, previously distributed to the Board, be approved. Keith Bedsole seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried. Paula Cushman made the motion that the February minutes, previously distributed to the board with one correction, be approved as updated. Cynthia Allison seconded. All board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Willard Brooks provided a copy of the Treasurer's report to all board members present. He reported a balance of \$12,712.39. There were no 3 transactions for the month. Willard presented a recap of the 2014 budget with comparison of budget expenses and actual expenses. Based on this information the Board set new budgeted levels for each area of expense and reviewed plans for 2015 spending.

USSRC Scholarship – Cynthia Allison, prior to the meeting, distributed the scholarship application we would be sending out. Discussion centered on keeping the patch requirement in the application and it was agreed that it would remain. Paula Cushman will confirm our contact person at the USSRC and forward info back to Cynthia. Tina Beacraft will check with Jackie Wilson-Bradley on how we can advertise our scholarship at the Autism Awareness signing coming up at James Clements.

Easter Egg Hunt – Tina Beacraft will meet with Gail Milam to finalize plans for the Easter Egg Hunt. Joni Haas recommended that we provide an Easter Basket to the participants to better regulate the number of eggs each person takes home. Keith Bedsole motioned that up to \$100 be spent purchasing baskets for the hunt, Paula Cushman seconded. Tina will check with Gail to see if she can get the baskets through her supplier, if not, we will purchase them. All board

members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried. Paula will call to reserve the Edgewater Club House for the afternoon of April 3rd for the hunt, with time to be set after the place is secured.

Fishing Rodeo – Preparations will be begun for the Fishing Rodeo. Board discussed the trophies we would provide and how they would be awarded. Joni Haas proposed goodie bags for all to include a snack and drinks/water will be available at all times. Firm plans will be done at the April meeting.

Madison Street Festival - It is time to make our reservation with the Madison Street Festival Committee for the Street Festival. Cynthia Allison motioned that we approve up to \$400 to reserve our booth, Paula Cushman seconded. Willard Brooks will get the booth reservation.

New Business: Keith Bedsole has an appointment with Mayor Trulock this week and will discuss the possibility remaining a board under the city.

Discussion on how to survey the special needs of Madison. It has been sometime since this was accomplished and new data would be good information to have. Paula Cushman noted that the United Way already had this done and she would contact them to get this information.

Paula Cushman nominated Cynthia Allison for the Board Vice-Chairman, for the seat vacated by Claudia Rice. Tina Beacraft seconded. All Board members present approved the motion; no opposition; no abstention. Motion carried. Cynthia accepted.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting is April 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.at City Hall, Conference Room 130.

NOTE: Underlined text indicates an action to be taken by a board member(s).