

November 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: David Carter, Lynne Argent, Susan Russ, Rachel Roby, Lucy Schaich, Nick Philbeck, Rhonda Moore and Linda Crawford.

The Council welcomed Brian Reynolds who is retired and has an interest in the work of the CCA.

Minutes and Financial Report: September minutes were accepted as printed.

Donations for the Awards Ceremony have been received from Oliver Wine Company (\$100), Indiana University Credit Union (\$100), Carle and Linda Crawford (\$25), Bloomington Human Rights Commission (\$100), Kiwanis (\$125), Down Syndrome Family Connection (\$350), Stone Belt (\$300), United Way of Monroe County (\$100), IIDC (\$500). The city's Human Resource department picked up expenses of \$622.88 of the costs of the 2014 Awards Ceremony. Current balance is \$4,941.58. The Council is still waiting for the EFT deposit of \$250 from Ivy Tech and vendor forms from Bell Trace for catering the 2013 Awards Ceremony (-\$656) and Holiday Party Room Reservation (-\$35).

\$3250 was collected in fund-raising efforts for the 2014 Awards Ceremony. Actual cost was \$3306.43.

Media: Nick was guest on Noon edition on WTIU, speaking on brain injury, about two weeks ago.

Guest Presentation: There was no guest presentation this month.

Reports from the City: Beverly Calender-Anderson has been named director of the Community and Family Resource Department. Lucy Schaich will continue as liaison to the Council of Community Accessibility until someone has been appointed.

New Concerns: Lucy indicated that there have been two or three calls from people concerned about the list of available housing. The current list is fourteen years old and there is a waiting list for fully accessible housing. Housing Authority rules are different than the ADA guidelines in that the housing rules state only that there should be a few apartments that are accessible. Nick raised the question about the possibility of surveying these places and Susan wondered if the CCA should survey the places on the fourteen-year-old list. It was suggested that Barbara McKinney be invited to a discussion of the Fair Housing Act. Rhonda commented that in order to get into apartments in the Rev. Butler complex, one has to go up two steps to enter the residence. Questions were raised about accessible ramps and if railings are needed. If it is not possible to use ramps at this complex, residents would have to be moved. It was decided to table this discussion until Vicki is present and then bring this concern up at the next Accessibility committee meeting in January. Rachel said that Section 8 Housing procedures will soon be changing.

Report from Chair: As Katie was absent, there was no report from the chair.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: There was no report from this committee as it had not met since the last Council meeting.
- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan announced that the CCA Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 18th from 6:00-8:30 at the Peppergrass Club House. It will be a pitch-in and those attending should bring a side dish or a dessert. If you wish, you may bring a gift (no more than \$10) for the gift exchange.

Evaluation of the Awards Ceremony was distributed. The comments concerned the chilliness of the room, disappointment in the speaker. The workshop held on the following day was challenging and informative, but not well attended. Perhaps there needs to be continued discussion about the effectiveness of having a nationally known speaker for the ceremony and then following his or her presentation that evening with a workshop the following day. In the past, the people invited to speak at the Awards Ceremony have had a

variety of disabilities. Susan invited Council members to think about potential speakers for next year's event. As far as the foods served at the event, there was a suggestion to include low-sodium foods.

It is time to start planning for the July ADA Celebration as the Council wishes to make this a big event. There are two groups of interns from IU that would like to help with this event. These students who are part of service-learning would need mentors. David suggested the Activities and Events Committee should have a brainstorming session. There was a suggestion that the event should include an assessment of downtown accessibility in addition to the celebration.

Lucy suggested advertising for an intern for this particular event, but the committee would have to know exactly what the intern was expected to do. Susan offered to contact the SEPA group to see what the students might be able to do.

Lucy will check on the availability of the display window for July 2015 as well as its availability in March and April.

The next Activities and Events Committee meeting will be prior to the Council's January meeting.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements

Rachel will invite the Inclusion Committee from the Synagogue to a future CCA meeting.

The 20th anniversary celebration of SICIL was held on the past Friday night. State representatives and two mayors were present at this well-attended event.

Susan, David, Lynne, Rachel, Nick and Vicki will be attending the Governor's Council Meeting on December 8-9. The awards will be made during the morning from 9:00-11:00 on December 9th.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford

Secretary