

Meeting Notes for March 26, 2018, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Members: Katie Herron, Rachel Guglielmo, Zoe Waters, David Carter, Chris Jackson, Chris Cutshall, Connie Neal, Ivana Fox, Dr. Lisa Connolly, Coleman Kavgian, Vanessa McClary, Barbara Salisbury, Nick Philbeck, Lesamaria Hacker, and Linda Crawford.

Guests: Jennifer Piatt, Dept. of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Studies

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Report: The balance in the CCA account remains at \$4,908.56. The proposed budget for the April Event—Breaking down the Barriers—will be sent to the Executive Committee for approval.

Media: David commented upon a story on NPR about a gentleman who had lost his arm, but thought about the inspiration provided by Stephen Hawking. David's suggested that this story shows that disability has achieved a sense of normalcy.

The Herald-Times Hotline provided suggestions for securing help in installing ramps at private homes to provide accessibility.

Report from the city: Vanessa McClary, from the South Central Kiwanis organization spoke about their new service project. The Kiwanis Club hopes to establish a Miracle Baseball League (with a fully rubberized field) that will be open to all people with disabilities. The organization is looking for 300 supporters (there are currently 25) for the \$1/2 million project. The steering committee is presently looking for land for a baseball field. The first meeting, which involves city representation and input, is April 5th. Michael will attend if Beverly Calendar-Anderson is unable to attend this meeting.

Fast Sign Company contacted Michael concerning the ADA "code" for signage at apartment complexes. The company was directed to the ADA.gov website.

Casey Guarino, CCA member and VITAL volunteer, is promoting the VITAL-sponsored Quiz Bowl. Dr. Connolly proposed that CCA fund a team for the Quiz Bowl at the \$160/team cost. David seconded and also volunteered to be one of the four members of the team. The proposal was accepted by CCA; Michael will include information about the event and seek volunteers through the next CCA newsletter. Being involved in the event will give CCA a chance to network as well as familiarize CCA's name and purpose in the community.

Barbara Salisbury reported that the transportation coalition and the American Council for the Blind would like to provide an area for people from the community to experience bike riding as a person with disabilities would on May 19th at the Health Fair. This date coincides with

the launching of the city's share-the-bike program. Chris will get in touch with Barbara to discuss this further. The I CAN BIKE event will take place on May 13th.

Guest Presentations: Jennifer Piatt, Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Studies spoke about the Adaptive Sport Movement which resulted from the various campus experiences of veterans and the evidence of the power that sports has to change people's perspective. The ASM also has a Facebook page.

In 2014, the organization began with basketball for people with disabilities by securing gym space at the YMCA and at IU a few nights a week. Wheelchair basketball is now open to everyone, with or without a disability, in the community. IU is now looking at various sports to be included within the Adaptive Sports Movement organization.

Jennifer explained the difference between Paralympics and Special Olympics: the Paralympics is for people with physical disabilities whereas the Special Olympics has an intellectual disability component. Both Olympic organizations have a human rights component.

Jennifer shared the goals for ASM—recruit more wheelchair participants, secure funding for graduate assistants to work with the program, develop a competitive wheelchair basketball league, provide clinical experience for students and build a research agenda. She hopes to establish some demo-days for community awareness and involvement, which is a component of Jennifer's grant.

New Accessibility Concerns: Zoe has reported a pothole on her route to school in need of repair. Rachel is reporting it through UReport.

Report from the Chair:

Katie appointed Dr. Connolly to serve as Parliamentarian of CCA. As Parliamentarian, Dr. Connolly presented the slate of officers for 2018:

President: Katie Herron

Secretary: Linda Crawford

Members-at-large: David Carter, Chris Baskins

Chair of Accessibility Committee: Chris Jackson

Chair of Activities and Event Committee: Susan Russ

The slate was unanimously accepted by CCA members.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Thirty-nine business at College Mall will receive decals as part of the Breaking Down the Barriers Event on April 30th. It is possible that some of the businesses failing to meet ADA standards (most infractions involved providing 36 inches of aisle space) will have corrected the deficiency and receive decals also.
- B. Activities and Events Committee: Michael reported that the budget for the Breaking down the Barriers event will be completed and sent to the Executive Committee for approval. An RSVP date will be established for ordering t-shirts and attending dinner at Red Robin.

Some Project School students will be joining the group for this event. The plan is to meet near the food court at 4:00 pm, distribute decals from 4:00 to 5:00 and then meet for dinner from 5:00 to 6:00.

CCA 2018 Priorities Work: Katie announced that at the next regular CCA meeting which will be in May, there would be no guest presentation, giving the groups working on IU and Medical Practices time to work. There is no longer a contact person for IU and Michael is working with his intern to get a list of medical practices so that they can be prioritized. The question was raised as to whether speakers from these two areas might be available to make a presentation. It will be possible to secure a speaker from Ivy Tech for the June meeting.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: Dr. Connolly announced that the Transition Fair and Community Resources Exhibit will be held at Ivy Tech on April 4th from 4:30-7:00 pm. Representatives from colleges and a speaker will be present.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford, Secretary