

Meeting Notes for June 27, 2016, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members: Catherine Anders, Chris Jackson, David Carter, Katie Herron, Katie Anderson, Susan Russ, Rachel Roby, Jeannette Shere-Thomas, Vicki Pappas, and Linda Crawford
Staff: Michael Shermis
Guests: Stacy Allgeier, Indiana Hands and Voices

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were accepted as printed.

Media: The *Herald-Times* featured the restaurant training event and the new accessibility decal. The training event along with video of the training was posted on Facebook. The *Herald-Times* requires a human aspect to noteworthy events that nonprofits wish to publicize. (The Nonprofit Alliance hosts a workshop in February during which organizations can present their story idea. Suggestions are offered by the media to the nonprofits so that they may make improvements, etc., to their original story.)
There is to be a program on Africans talking about disabilities on television tonight.

Report from the city: No report at this time.

Financial Report: There is a balance of \$5743.50 in CCA funds.

Guest Presentation: Stacy Allgeier, from Indiana Hands and Voices, explained the organization provides assistance through guides from the ten chapters of Indiana Hands and Voices to families with deaf and hard-of-hearing children. As of 2001, all children are tested at birth for hearing impairments. Those children with hearing impairment are offered the services of a “guide by the side” for a year, with checks made at three months and again at one year. The organization has found that family support is vital and provides opportunities for the family to receive support. Stacy is looking for Bloomington families who might wish to receive these support services. She is also wondering if the scope might be broadened so that Hands and Voices might work with other organizations. The ten guides in Indiana are paid through a grant, but the organization is active in fundraising.

New Accessibility Concerns: A concern was raised about the Fourth street parking garage. The machine registering vacant spaces does not recognize handicapped parking needs and the signage indicates that the garage is full whereas there are still handicapped parking spaces available.

Report from the Chair: Special Needs Registry: Michael distributed the new Special Needs Registry brochure and registration form to the Council. Copies of the brochure and registration forms will be delivered to organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Area 10’s Nutrition Program, MCPL Inbound Program, providers of home health care, IDIC, churches, assisted living residences, etc. to facilitate reaching those persons who wish to be registered.

Michael will include this information in the CCA newsletter, on Facebook; other possible venues to distribute information include the Transition Fair and Farmer's Market.

Katie asked for suggestions for structuring the August meeting. It was agreed that CCA members provide a more detailed introduction than what is normally done at monthly meetings. In addition, the Council would like to give the mayor an opportunity to see how the Council works, including the Accessibility and Activities and Events committees. The CCA wishes to convey our desire to meet the City's administration and secure their pledge to support the decal program.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that the morning session of the Restaurant training event featured a panel composed of Leslie Davis, Chuck Osborn, Cory Mitchell, and Barbara Salisbury that provided valuable information for providing good service to patrons with accessibility limitations. The afternoon session included three restaurateurs and Jim Gerstbauer, Monroe County Building Commissioner. The training session was videotaped so that other Bloomington restaurant owners who were unable to attend the training could view it, as well as other communities in the Midwest region.

WFHB will be air the recording they did of it on the Standing Room Only program on July 13th at 6:00 pm.

Vicki reported that seven or eight new decals will be awarded during the July ADA event with a couple more to be presented at the October Awards Ceremony.

It was mentioned that the CCA's work is recognized across the state!

- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan explained that the July meeting, held at the regular time (4:00 pm), but held in the Atrium instead of the normal meeting site, will be a 26th Celebration of the ADA. Presentation of decals to the seven or eight newly surveyed business will be made along with distributing the new decal to previously awarded businesses. Approximately twelve CCA members will deliver the new decals to these businesses. Susan commented that awardees and others may take advantage of Facebook opportunities in recognizing this event.

The Executive Committee approved the expenditure of a maximum of \$250 for shirts for CCA members to be worn when delivering decals and for balloons. The Council agreed with the Executive Committee's decision.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: There were no reports or announcements.

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