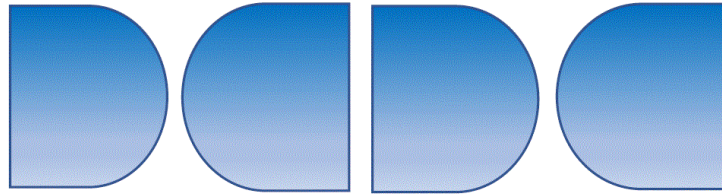




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Meeting: August 8, 2023

Location: Keystone AEA 2310 Chaney Rd., Dubuque, IA, 52002

Attendance: Samantha Berglin, Kathy Weber, Matt Kennedy, Lori Anderson, Suellyn Flynn, Debbie DeVenuta, Tom Derr, Margee Woywood.

Guests: TH rep-Benjamin Fisher and Jacinda Hecker (LSI)

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm



Public Comments –

Approval of Minutes – Minutes 7/11/23 Suellyn approved minutes, Kathy seconded



1. Discussion

- A. Town hall Discussions: Accessibility in our county that would include recreation, what is missing, Grant opportunities: need to form a committee, first come first served. Margee sent the grant information please review and at our next meeting we can discuss and complete if agreed upon
- B. Heritage Trail: Brian Preston-purchased AbleTrack Chairs that anyone can check it out to use it. How to get the trail even more accessible. IVRS Avery Nugent could do this for free. Sam will send out information on this so we can assist in spreading the word. Thinking outside the box: buggies to give individuals rides, etc. Include the ARK Advocates and lending library and how this could be tied in. Would Avery be open to being part of this committee as she could do the ADA accessible areas?
This committee would like to have a meeting with Brian at Heritage Trail. Then have a Town Hall meeting and be able to share out information with the community.

C. Book Study: No Greatness Without Goodness 240 pages
(could listen to it on overdrive, purchase their own)
collaborate with other libraries to host discussions



New membership ideas



Matt suggested that we could reach out to Veterans Organizations to see if they might have any ideas on a disabled veteran that would be a great advocate/council member. It was suggested to reach out to Jim Wagner of Veterans center and Jim Gassman Vet. Rep. at NICC for possibly discussions on membership.

Have them apply and then it's up to the board to decide if accepted or not. Kathy questioned again whether or not a council member needs to be a Dubuque County resident or if they can work here or possibly live here for college and be a member? Samantha did update that there have been conflicting answers but that she will continue to research "best practice".

Strategic plan: Sam shared the document. Kathy gave motion to approve plan with some minor changes (social media areas) and Margee seconded.

*#1: monitor relevant social media to include DCDC Facebook, (we need to have 2-3 people from committee that would look at the Facebook areas and keep this up to date). We would want other groups to share information with us and then we have 1-2 admins to review and can post.

#3: TH could invite them to meetings, could we get sponsors to get our information out there.

2. Next Meeting Plans

Sam will get a list from Jason VR from the River Meuseums review for accessibility.

Kathy motioned to hold our regular meetings at the Forum or Keystone campus. Margee seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 Kathy motioned to adjourn and Lori seconded.