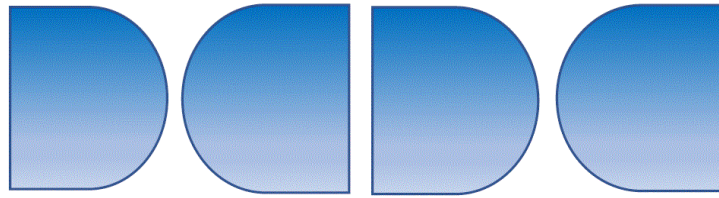




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Mission: To represent the perspectives of People with Disabilities to the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors and to actively seek change in policies and practices that create more opportunities and dismantle barriers for People with Disabilities in Dubuque County.

Meeting: 4/8/25

Location: West Campus Dubuque County Office

Attendance: Samantha Berglin, Lori Anderson, Matt Kennedy, Margee Woywood, Sam Bragg, Debbie Devenuta, Tom Derr, Kathy Weber, Tom Kuhle (new member), Shannon Russell



Guests: Ericka Raber Dubuque County Reads

New Member: Please welcome Tom Kuhle to our council!

Meeting called to order at 4:05 by Matt Kennedy.

Public Comments:

Approval of Minutes: Approval of March minutes by Lori and seconded by Shannon.

AGENDA:

1. Book Study: "What My Bones Know"
Author: Stephanie Foo will be at Loras College on April 10th at 6:30
Generational Trauma: as she started to understand her disability, she was able to identify other "norms". Intellectualize her past and cultural areas.
Therapy: difficulties in getting the right support, issues with the system (insurance).
CPTSD: not just a warrior's disability, occurs more in females, not an official DSM diagnosis, internal battle (up/down roller coaster) of love and care for self and others
Some found the audio version more enjoyable than the reading of the book.
Survey (Sam will send out in email) for books for next year.
Color Monster book for children and discussions at the public library coming up.
2. Sam developing a rolling document to share with new members.
3. Career Fair: good attendance, more of resource time as we do not have job openings.
4. Expo list from last year: email them and check on newsletter or social media to promote DCDC
5. Bring ideas to the next meeting for how to spend the \$378.31 by June 30th. Sam will purchase the runner and will let us know remaining amount and we can decide next at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:03 by Matt, seconded by Lori