

Schaumburg Township
Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.
- II. Roll Call (the following were in attendance):
Mark Chereso
Micki Coppel
Bill Eliasek
Carleen Emde
Eva Feng
Andrew Miller
Darrell Taylor
Lauren Ewan
Andrew Feng
- III. Approval of October Minutes
Motion by Bill Eliasek; Second by Carleen Emde. Motion carried.
- IV. Reports
- A. Chairperson's Report
Chairperson Coppel shared information about calling your legislators to support the ABLE Age Adjustment Act federal program, HB 1814, SB 651. This program changes the age limit from 26 to 46 to be able to add funds of up to \$100,000 a year into their ABLE account. This expansion could also help with the sustainability of the program with more people with disabilities being able to participate. She also informed the committee that Department of Developmental Disabilities in Illinois appointed Alice Stark as the new Director whom she met at a meeting at Temple Beth El in October. Director Stark spoke about the 3.5% DHS rate increase for community providers and very focused on employment services.
- B. Trustee Liaison's Report
No report. Trustee Dunham absent.
- C. Director's Report
Written report on file. Director Conway absent due to TOI conference in Springfield. Sarita Phadke was awarded "Senior Staff Member of the Year" by ITASCSC. Since she could not be at TOI to receive the award, she made a video thanking everyone for her award in ASL. Video was posted on Township's and Deaf Services' Facebook pages. LIHEAP and Part D still going on until Dec. 7.
- V. Old Business
- A. Funded Agency
- i. Reports
Lauren Ewan went through each of the funded agencies about how they are reporting their figures monthly and some that are not. Lauren stated that Director Conway is working with each agency for better reporting: more information on the hours each Schaumburg Township residents receives.
- ii. Application Update
Committee member Feng said JVS might apply. Committee member Feng spoke highly about JVS and how they helped her daughter, Anna Feng, find a job in a few months and highly recommends them. Connect to Community will also be applying for funding. Next CFPD meeting is Agency Funding reviews on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Committee members all agreed for meeting/reviews to begin at 6 p.m. 12/10/19.

B. Halloween Dance Recap

51 guests attended the Halloween Dance hosted by Disability Services on Friday, October 25 from 7-9pm. DJ was wonderful in getting the crowd excited out dancing. Guests were served pizza and three prizes were awarded for the Most Creative Costume (Sugar Skull Coco), Best Celebrity Impersonation (Freddie Mercury), and Scariest (Witch).

C. Holiday Parties Update

Senior and Adult with Disabilities Holiday Party: Thursday, December 12. 115 people have registered to attend. Committee members are comp if attend. Committee member Bill Eliasek will be there. Andrew Miller undecided. We will have a catered lunch, activities and entertainment.

Kids Holiday Party: Saturday, December 14. Over 100 have registered for this event. Registration until first week in December or until space is filled; limited capacity of 130 in gym. Village Tavern and Grill bring 10 volunteers and the food at no cost. Other sponsors gave a raffle prize or monetary donation for overall costs. New this year, there will be a game for guests as well as activities at tables – making your own sugar cookie, ugly sweater and ornament. Santa will make his usual appearance at the end and hand out gifts to the kids and pose for family photos.

VI. New Business

A. Septemberfest Wrap Up Meeting Update

Lauren Ewan met with Special Events Coordinator, Roxane Benvenuti, from the village of Schaumburg about the problems we had at this year's Septemberfest carnival rides. The main issue being that not all rides were available because the carnival wants to control the speed for those with special needs. One parent was upset that not all the rides were available. Committee agreed that not all rides should be available that should be speed controlled. Committee member Emde suggested we have on our publicity materials that not all rides will be available that day. Roxane and the committee are open to changing the name to "Special Needs Carnival Opportunity" and a new banner for check-in.

B. Partnership Opportunities

Connect to Community met with Director Megan Conway about using meeting room space at the Township to provide employment services to people with disabilities. This is just in the early stages. Committee proudly supports this and hopes this works out.

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) will have basketball here in the Township gym on Tuesday afternoons. Committee member Eliasek concerned it would interfere with AARP taxes. Assured him that won't be an issue.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Darrell Taylor; Second by Micki Coppel. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.