

Puget Sound Association of the Deaf  
2407 ½ NW 60<sup>th</sup> St  
Seattle, WA 98107  
November 16, 2013

The general meeting was called to order by President Yes Serious at 1:10pm

All officers were in attendance except Bob Cayton.

24 members were present, constituting a quorum: Joya Adams, Lilly Bender, Flora Blue, Jack Blue, Marjorie Borgens-Spears, Anne Clark, Jeff Fahlman, Mike Gough, Mike Izak, Susan Izak, Allie Joiner (AJ), Sigrid Ludwig, William Ludwig, Earl Mangold, Raymond Monson, Claire Ness, David Parker, Estie Provow, Ellen Scheppach, Larry Schoenberg, Allie Serious, Yes Serious, Lowanna Stotler, Walter Sumoski

There were 2 guests in attendance: Buddy Spears and Connie Gough

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Ludwig.

Secretary's minutes for general meetings held on May 18th, 2013 and September 21, 2013 were accepted with corrections.

**President Yes Serious' Report:**

Yes Serious outlined proposed changes for PSAD. In order to keep the association fresh and to draw in more members in order to get support for PSAD the President and Board of Directors want to make the following changes:

- No membership dues
- Reduce the number of business meetings to two per year
- Board of Directors handle motions throughout the year with email communications to members
- Adopted budget will be the main guideline for spending
- Change bylaws to reflect changes above

Yes also reported that there were no volunteers for officer positions except MAL #2, officer elections will happen at the end of the meeting.

**Vice President's Report:**

Reported that if changes outlined by President are accepted in new business, bylaws committee will start work soon to make changes.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Yes Serious stated that the September & October 2013 financials have been audited and accepted. Reports were displayed and available for distribution.

### **Secretaries Report**

Allie reported that several generic inquiries have been sent to PSAD recently asking if we want to sell the house and property. There were no real offers.

Allie stated that as part of our donation to the power company we have a free code to the chinook book coupon mobile app.

Allie let everyone know that tomorrow, the Sunday after the meeting, Seattle Storm is holding an open house. We do plan to partner with them for another Deaf Awareness Night next year with a booth.

### **MAL Report**

No report this month.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building:** Jack Blue reported that the next project he will work on are the bathroom dividing walls.

**Finance:** No report this month

**Bylaw:** Estie Provow stated that she already covered this in her VP report.

**Strategy:** No report this month

**Technology:** Allie Serious reported that several new things have been added since the last meeting:

- A photo screen and document preservation tools were purchased with the money from Nobu's memorial donations.
- Purple VRS has donated a public station for PSAD and is planning to donate two ipad mini for PSAD officer use.
- A new video camera was installed for testing from Dropcam.

**Food & Entertainment:** Lowanna Stotler reported that December 21<sup>st</sup> was not a good day for many members to hold the Christmas party, they asked members if Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> would work better and an email will be sent after the meeting to check with all other members.

Lowanna also stated that she is stepping down as chair of the Food & Entertainment committee and has a replacement in mind.

**PSAD/WASD Building Committee:** Allie Joiner reported that this committee will start work soon, the first phase is to gather historical data.

**Wellness Report/Senior Guild:** William Ludwig asked Yes Serious to explain how things are going with his back surgery, he reported that Arlene Acrey was in the hospital and they thought she would not leave but has since improved and is back home, Kathy Mack passed away on November 10<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Fahlman underwent vascular surgery, Leeoda Nininger has had steroid shots in her knees, Joya Adams reported on her cancer screening and that blood tests don't look good so they will do a bone marrow screening next.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Unfinished business from previous meetings (the code in front of each motion is the month and year the motion was passed then the number of that motion: Jan12M9 = January 2012 meeting Motion #9):

- Jan12M9 - Clubhouse yard (pending)
- Jan12M12 - Search for Lawyer (pending)
- Mar12M7 - Estimates for roof reinforcement (pending)
- Mar12M8 – Minor improvements to rental house per inspection results (pending)
- Sept12M7 – Install dividing wall between sink and toilets in both bathroom(pending)
- Nov12M1 – Rent climate controlled storage unit for historical documents (pending)
- Jan13M6 – Purchase HD video camera and stand (pending)
- May13M1 – Research Liquor and Gambling Licenses (pending)
- May 13M3 – Cell Phone charging station (completed November 13)
- Sept13M1 – Setup Officer Nomination Committee (completed October 13)
- Sept13M2 - \$650 from Nobu's memorial donations for digital photo frame and digitizing documents (pending)

### **New Business:**

Motion #1 proposed by Board of Directors: moved to accept propose changes to PSAD structure and work on changing bylaws. Discussion was held and the motion passed.

Motion #2 proposed by Ellen Scheppach and seconded by Mike Izak: moved to support DSA conference bid for Seattle in 2019 by writing a formal letter of endorsement, supplying the \$2,000 check with will be returned if bid is not accepted and for two PSAD members to serve on a committee with Mike Gough and Ellen Scheppach. (Amendment by Estie Provow to change the check amount from \$2,000 to \$1,000, seconded by Mike Izak) Discussion was held and both the amendment and the motion passed.

Motion #3 proposed by Lilly Bender and seconded by Marjorie Spears: moved to not have special meeting and events on the same day. Discussion was held and the motion passed.

Motion #4 proposed by Lilly Bender and seconded by Walter Sumoski: moved to change \$30 flat fee for supervising outside contractors for PSAD to \$17.50/hr. Discussion was held and the motion failed.

Motion #5 proposed by Lilly Bender and seconded by Walter Sumoski: moved to freeze donations to any organization for 2014. (Amendment by Mike Izak to reword motion as: moved that donations to any organization for 2014 are very low priority, amendment seconded by Mike Gough. Discussion was held and both the amendment and motion passed.

Motion #6 proposed by Lilly Bender and seconded by Walter Sumoski: moved to close sports fund account and move money back to PSAD checking account. Discussion was held and the motion failed.

Motion #7 proposed by Lilly Bender and seconded by Walter Sumoski: moved to change general meetings and events to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of every month except in July & August. Discussion was held and the motion failed.

Motion #8 proposed by Mike Izak and seconded by Susan Izak: moved to have building committee investigate the potential of removing the white board permanently and painting the brown wall with a special paint that turns the wall into a chalkboard whenever needed. Discussion was held and the motion passed.

#### **Nomination and Voting on New PSAD Officers for 2014:**

All officers below were nominated by the nominating committee and a single vote by acclimation was called for by Allie Joiner and the vote passed.

President: Yes Serious

Vice President: Estie Provow

Secretary: Allie Serious

Treasurer: Robert Cayton

Member at Large #1: Ellen Scheppach

Member at Large #2: Jack Blue

Sergeant at Arms: Walter Sumoski

Auditors: Brian Schnebele is continuing his third year as auditor. Forrest Brown and William Ludwig are continuing their second year, Marjorie Borgens-Spears volunteered for first year auditor and a vote by acclimation was called for and passed.

#### **Announcements:**

Upcoming Event Dates were displayed

Meeting adjourned by Yes Serious at 3:29 pm