

THE MAYOR'S ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING
JULY 11, 2007 3:30 PM
SUMMARY

Board Members in attendance: Linda Carter, Ron Byrd, Elaine Gage, Carolyn Johnson, Gayle Fox, Carol Behling, Carolyn Johnson, Barbara Wisher and Barbara Hartman (via conference call). Guest Members in attendance: Marianne Davis and Deborah Reardon.

1. Comments about the new "Membership Directory" were very positive. Linda stated that it will be updated again in the fall. It was also noted that the membership application is available at the back of the directory.
2. Linda asked for volunteers for the Secretary position with no responses. Marianne was asked to take the minutes for this meeting and accepted.
3. Linda asked for a motion to fill Joyce Dolly's position on the board with Marianne Davis, a member of The Mayor's Alliance (TMA) since February, 2006. Ron Byrd made the motion, Carol Behling seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. After discussion about TMA purchasing a camera for award presentations, etc, Carolyn Johnson, Chair of the Public Relations Committee stated that the PR Committee would make sure that one of its members would have a camera at the breakfast meetings and events to take photos. The purchase of a camera for TMA will, therefore, not be necessary.
5. The Board agreed to recognize Amy Levine as the employee of the month of August.
6. Barbara Hartman will be the keynote speaker for August. She will speak on the October activities of Florida Disability Mentoring Day and National Disability Awareness month.
7. Barbara Hartman will ask Mayor Humphrey to speak at the October Annual Employers Appreciation Breakfast. Costs for the Appreciation Breakfast were discussed. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the cost for the Breakfast should be between \$12.00 & \$13.00 per person and that the invited guests would not have to pay. Linda recommended that there be an RSVP for this Breakfast to monitor the number of attendees and contain costs.
8. Deborah Reardon brought up discussion regarding Mentoring Day and transportation issues for the students to get to the employer sites. Teachers are not willing to get the students hopes up without logistics being laid out. Carolyn Johnson will see if Goodwill can provide any assistance. Deborah has a volunteer to assist the Committee Liaison for Mentoring Day.
9. Barbara Hartman made a motion to reimburse Linda Carter for two high profile event travel expenses (National Conference Disaster Planning for the Carless Society held in New Orleans and the Family Café in Orlando). Discussion: These were events that had already taken place and Linda was not specifically representing TMA there. There was no second to the motion and the motion died.
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - Special Projects Committee: Barbara Hartman & Dottie Woytow discussed speaker for Mentoring Day and October Appreciation Breakfast. Board members discussed possible speakers: APD Director from Tallahassee, a County Commissioner, local artists who are also persons with special needs, Lisa Mills - Sensitivity Awareness Speaker. Linda Carter asked the board members to come up with ideas for other "big name" speaker in order to draw some media attention to the work TMA does in honoring employers who hire persons with special needs. Please e-mail Barbara with any suggestions for speakers. Ron showed the board members a poster that used to be given to recognized employers and it was suggested that it could be used as fundraiser in a silent auction at the October Appreciation Breakfast.
 - Education Committee: Ron brought up that this committee needs a chairperson and TMA is asking the members for a volunteer. He also stated that perhaps the school system has enough of its own projects and resources in place now that it does not need TMA as involved as it was.
 - Fund Raising Committee: Carol Behling will continue to bring items from Home Depot for raffles at the Breakfast Meetings.
 - Membership Committee: Gayle Fox had nothing new to report. TMA currently has 52 members.
 - Public Relations Committee: Carolyn Johnson had nothing new to report (but see #4 above).
 - Treasurer's Report: Ron Byrd passed out the June 1, 2007 report showing an ending balance on 5/31/07 of \$6,101.73 with net outstanding credits/debits of -\$296.51) and \$35.92 petty cash on hand.
11. Since there is much to be decided for the October activities Linda Carter suggested the board hold a special meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 3:30 pm. All board members present agreed and will meet again on that date.
12. Linda asked Deborah Reardon if she would like to become a board member and fill the open position of Secretary. Ron Byrd made a motion to appoint Deborah Secretary, Barbara Wisher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.