

# THE MAYOR'S ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## July 9, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** 3:30 p.m. by Linda Carter

**ROLL CALL- Present:** Linda Carter, Elaine Gage, Marianne Davis, George Richards, Robert Haenggi, Gayle Fox

**APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES:** Motion to accept made, seconded and March Minutes accepted by unanimous vote as written.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No Reports at this time. Committee chairs absent. However, Linda mentioned that Nancy Gurney was looking to prepare a budget that would give The Mayor's Alliance as much self-sufficiency as possible to pay for the special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.
2. **FUND RAISING PROJECT:** The treasurer, Marianne Davis, distributed the treasurer's report as of June 30, 2008 and brought up her concerns over the cost of the breakfast meetings and the balance in the account. A budget will be put together to be included with a request for funding to be sent to organizations, such as Goodwill. It was also heavily discussed that there is a need to change the way The Mayor's Alliance funds the breakfast meetings in that we cannot rely solely on a funding grant to carry these costs. The membership fee of \$25.00 per year and the fee of \$8.00 per guest plus any raffle revenues gained at these meetings does not cover the costs. Most other organizations charge an annual membership fee that helps defray some costs of doing business, and then charge a fee for breakfast, luncheon or dinner meetings to cover the costs of the food. A motion was made, seconded and carried with 1 abstention that beginning with the October 2008 membership drive, the membership fee would remain \$25.00 with members paying \$5.00 for the breakfast and guests paying \$10.00. An e-mail is going to be sent to all members asking for feedback on this change and that if they are against this motion to please attend the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting bring with them other funding solutions. The breakfast fees will be discussed again at the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
3. **AWARD NOMINATIONS:** Louis Rozzero (ICAN) and Amanda Lynch (Hops Restaurant) These two were approved for August presentations at the May Board meeting. It was also discussed and agreed to that the letter sent to the employer will have two items added: (1) that the employer designee, guest and 2 family or friends of the guest will not be charged for the breakfast, but additional guests will be; and (2) they must RSVP the number of guests who will be attending (including the employer designee and honored employee) so we have the right count for the number of breakfasts being served.
4. **ANNUAL BREAKFAST PLANNING – OCTOBER:** It was suggested that this year the Mayor's Alliance look at other employers to recognize for supporting The Mayor's Alliance work, such as The Health Planning Council, the Crowne Plaza (for deferring the cost of the room rental for the bi-monthly breakfast meetings), and Books A Million (for holding job fairs at a Mayor's Alliance organization and choosing to employ some applicants with disabilities. Any and all suggestions are welcome!

Also, it was suggested that we look at local dignitaries (as opposed to state-level) to be the guest speaker at the October meeting so they can speak on the employment of the disabled in our communities: Mayor Jim Humphrey or FGCU President Dr. Bradshaw. Linda will discuss with the appropriate board member(s) about seeking one of these two for the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne Davis  
July 15, 2008