

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2020**

The South Dakota Association of the Deaf Board met on January 11, 2020 at the Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Present were Kevin Barber, President, Teresa Nold, Vice President, Patty Kuglitsch, Secretary, Sonny Rasmussen, Treasurer, Board at Large: Dave Dahle, Mark Johnson and Tim Nold. Steve Janecek and Angela Ellman were excused.

Twenty-four members were present at the meeting. Approximately 50 members and guests watched the live-streaming meeting through YouTube.

Kevin Barber, President called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Agenda:

Sonny Rasmussen (Dave Dahle) moved to accept the meeting agenda as read. Carried

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Teresa Nold (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2019 meeting. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report that covered the month of November and December were provided for the review and were approved by the three auditors.

Patty Kuglitsch (Mark Johnson) moved to approve the treasurer's report. Carried

Public Comments:

Mark Koterwski would like to make comments on two topics. First, he asked the board for their consideration that the fund for the Youth Program should remain in SDAD fund instead of transferring it to the SDAD Foundation. The reason was SDAD could continue working with the youth and if the fund is in SDAD Foundation SDAD won't know what's happening. Secondly after the LEAD-K committee made recommendations in regards of data of students and their performance, etc. he learned from Linda Turner, Director of Special Education that the data on the students could not be shared with anyone. Mark asked Linda why the State of California allowed to share the data while the State of South Dakota could not. She said it's because of SD law. Mark asked the board to notify the Legislative Committee to take action to remove the law.

Larry Puthoff wanted this to be recorded. He wanted to thank SDAD for the wonderful holiday dinner.

Officers and Board Reports:

The officers and board members gave their reports. (Attachments of the reports can be found at the end of the minutes)

President: See Attachment 1

Vice President:

- a) At the recent conference the members wanted SDAD to sell apparels (T-shirts, polo, sweatshirts, etc.). Teresa did some checking and identified several places that allowed SDAD to do fundraising by selling apparels. Things have not been finalized yet.
- b) SDAD will have a fundraising event at Barrel House on March 16th. More information will be shared.

Secretary:

- a) Completed the minutes of the board meeting
- b) Assisted the President in writing letters to four individuals
- c) Asked the Board for their consideration to donate \$50 to Peace Lutheran Church.

Treasurer: See Attachment 2

Board-at-Large Report:

Angela Ellman submitted the report on SDAD Holiday Dinner. **See attachment 3**

Committee Reports:

(The President and/or Chairs gave a summary of their reports. Attachments of the reports can be found at the end of the minutes.

Deaf Cultural and Heritage Center:

- a) The committee continues to do some research and archive files.
- b) The Chair contacted Brian Burr, the new committee member and agreed to get together after the holidays.

Education Committee: See Attachment 4

Games Committee:

- a) Request to suspend two agenda items in regards of the change of time for Bingo and SFingo games
- b) Due to the small number of game participants, the survey could not be conducted. Suggested that the survey be sent to the entire SDAD members for their feedback and vote.

Legislative Committee: See Attachment 5

Mark Johnson requested a 5-minute recess at 2:40 PM; meeting resumed late 3:00 PM due to tech problems.

Unfinished Business:

Two games and survey were not ready to be discussed.

New Business:

Patty Kuglitsch (Sonny Rasmussen) moved that SDAD approve the President's appointment of Tanya Miller as Chair of 2021 SDAD Conference. Carried

Mark Johnson (Dave Dahle) moved that SDAD renew the lease agreement at the Simpson Building for one year for \$700 per month. Patty Kuglitsch and Sonny Rasmussen abstained from the vote. Carried.

Tim Nold () amended to have 6-month lease agreement. Failed (No one seconded)

Mark Johnson (Dave Dahle) moved that SDAD donate \$75 to Peace Lutheran Church to show their thanks and appreciation for allowing SDAD to use their meeting room. Carried

Patty Kuglitsch (Dave Dahle) moved that SDAD transfer \$7,079.73 to SDAD Foundation with a note that the fund will be used for the Youth Scholarship Program.

Mark Johnson (Sonny Rasmussen) amended to insert the guidelines and application to be added to SDAD website. Carried

Restatement: SDAD transfer \$7,079.73 to SDAD Foundation with a note that the fund will be used for the Youth Scholarship Program and the guidelines and application for the Scholarship Program be added to SDAD website.

Patty Kuglitsch (Mark Johnson) moved that we close LEAD-K fund and transfer \$1,336.49 to SDAD's general fund. Carried.

Sonny Rasmussen () moved to approve the budget for the legislative activities. Failed (No one seconded)

Teresa Nold (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to approve the legislative budget for \$11,000 for the legislative activities. Carried Refer to the Finance Committee

Mark Johnson (Dave Dahle) amended to delete \$11,000 and insert \$15,000. Failed

Patty Kuglitsch (Teresa Nold) moved that SDAD send a letter of request to the State for a grant for the signed video production for the purposes of the election. Carried

Mark Johnson (Patty Kuglitsch) moved that the Legislative Committee to take action on the captioning on TV in public places. Carried. Refer to the Legislative Committee

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Few announcements were made.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Kuglitsch, Secretary

SDAD President's Report

January 11, 2020

1. Board of Regents

I attended the BOR meeting here in Sioux Falls. He learned that there was a community forum right after the first day of the two-day meeting. He thought he could make comments during the BOR meeting. Thanks to the BOR for their flexibility. They allowed Kevin to make comments on the second day in the morning. SDAD asked the BOR to defer the establishment of the Advisory Council till the new Superintendent is in place. The BOR voted to have the Advisory Council. We must move on. There are three ways to nominate names of individuals who will be good to serve on the advisory council: give names to SDAD President, give names to the board members or the members send names to SDSD Superintendent. The BOR and SDSD Superintendent will select the individuals to serve on the advisory council. We have no say. As of now Kevin has not received any names but Mark Johnson did get one name. He will send to SDSD Superintendent. Recently the BOR announced that each school for the deaf and school of the blind and visually impaired will have their own superintendent. They will start the search committee. The BOR hopes to find a new superintendent by March.

2. External Letters

Thanks to Patty Kuglitsch for her assistance in writing letters. I sent letters to four individuals:

- a) Dr Paul Beran, Executive Director of SD Board of Regents, thanking him and BOR for having two separate superintendents for SDSD and SDSBVI
- b) Paul TenHaken, SF Mayor, asking for a meeting to discuss the possibility to have an interpreter at the city council meeting
- c) Kristi Noem, SD Governor, expressing a concern about no captioning on the state-sponsored TV advertisements (Don't Drive and Drive, Meth. We Are On It.)

- d) Shelly Conlon, Argus Leader reporter, thanking her for her awesome job writing articles about education for deaf and hard of hearing children in South Dakota.
- 3. CSD
Kevin contacted Katie Peterson, Director of CSD of SD and invited her to give a presentation on employment services. She said Mark Koterwski will give a presentation. The date, time and place will be announced.
- 4. South Dakota Day of Giving
It was a first time for SDAD to have South Dakota Day of Giving. There was a lot to learn how to do it. SDAD will do better this year. Kevin believed that SDAD might earn \$80.00
- 5. SDAD Website
The new website has been launched.
- 6. SDAD Conference Chair
Appoint Tanya Miller as a chair of 2021 SDAD Conference
- 7. Lease Agreement on Simpson Center
SDAD will need to renew the lease agreement which will be due on March 1st.

Action Item:

- 1. Recommend to approve Tanya Miller as 2021 SDAD Conference Chair
- 2. Recommend to renew lease agreement on Simpson Center

1-11-2020 Treasurer Report

- Final number for 2018/2019 SDAD Members: 183
- Plan to mail out the membership renewal before the end of this month.
- 2017 990-EZ Tax was filed. 990 is available to review to the public on request.

Action Item:

- Close SDAD Leak-K and Transferring the remaining balance, \$1336.49, to SDAD's General Fund.
- Close Youth Program and Transferring the remaining balance, \$7,097.73 to SDAD Foundation.

SDAD Annual Holiday Dinner
Cherry Creek Grill
December 8, 2019

Chair: Angela Ellman

Assistant: Teresa Nold

Summary:

- Holiday party was a success. 106 RSVP'ed but an estimated 96 attended.
- Silent Auction was fun to work on with Teresa and it went very well. With Teresa's attention and boost, SDAD raised \$655.
- SDAD would like to extend our appreciation to Becca Burton for making cupcakes for the event.
- The room was not that great for long presentations due to the lighting and the columns. I was not planning on lengthy presentations but the Education Committee had important news to share so we made do with what we have. We need to plan that any events in the future we will be sure to have a small stage and a large room with clear sightlines and is well lit.
- Ugly Sweater competition: Trey from Mitchell won

Silent Auction items:

Girl Basket (SDAD)

Boy Basket (SDAD)

Bubble Truffles (Mariam's Bubble Truffles)

Basket- handmade bear and 3 \$50 gift cards to a variety of restaurants (ISI)

Handmade Pillowcases (Just In Case)

Antique Box filled with a variety of snacks (Grate Interpreting)

Starbucks Mug with \$15 Gift Card (Angela Ellman and SDAD)

Framed Picture: Trio of Christmas Trees (Paula's Creative Flow)

Thirty One Essential Tote (Teresa Nold)

Red Bucket with a variety of Christmas Decor (SDSD)

\$50 Lowe's Gift card, plus Kobalt tools (SDAD)

\$100 Spezia's Gift Card and boxed chocolate candy (ZVRS)

'Man bucket' filled with variety of auto cleaning/care items (InterpreCorps)

SDAD Education Committee Board Report

Date: 12/27/2019

Chair: Anne Land

Committee Members: Patty Kuglitsch, Teresa Nold, Ben Soukup, Callista Powell, Patricia O'Neill, and Kevin Barber, ex-officio

Summary:

- 1) SDSD to set Advisory Council after January 1 – BOR removed voting as requirement
- 2) Identify Outcome data (language milestones and transition)
- 3) Approved by Ed Committee for legislative action through SDAD Legislative Committee:
 - LEAD-K (Enforce DOE's responsibility to properly identify and monitor progress of children with hearing loss when they are identified as secondary or third disability)
 - Deaf Child's Bill of Rights (Strengthen the law from "May" to "Shall")

Action Plan:

None

SDAD Legislative Committee Report

December 27, 2019

Chair: Ben Soukup

Committee Members:

Callista Powell
Lance Sigdestad
Patty Kuglitsch
Teresa Nold
Tom Kober

Summary:

- Three legislative bills are now identified. They are listed as follows:
 1. Personal vehicle database/driver's license (voluntarily make it know that the individuals are deaf, hearing of hearing or speech impaired.
 2. Deaf Child's Bill of Rights (Strengthen the law)
 3. Lead-K (Enforce DOE's responsibility to properly identify and monitor progress of children with hearing loss when they are identified as secondary or third disability)

- Will create a new contact information of 2020 legislators for SDAD members and deaf community

- Will contact some legislators to see if they are willing to be sponsors of these three bills

- Developed a budget for the legislative activities

Action Plan:

1. Approve the legislative budget

2020 SDAD Legislative Budget

Lodging \$ 2,000.00
Travel \$ 5,500.00
(Mileage, car rentals/gas)
Per diem \$ 300.00
Interpreting \$ 3,000.00
Supplies \$ 100.00
Contract and Fees for Lobbyist \$ -
Others (meeting room rental, etc.) \$ 100.00

TOTAL \$ 11,000.00

Note: If SDAD has to hire a lobbyist, it will cost approximately \$5,000.

The Legislative Committee will have to go back to the Board and ask for additional funding for the lobbyist

Guidelines of

South Dakota Association of the Deaf
Legislative Activities

The South Dakota Association of the Deaf (SDAD) has established the following guidelines for the use of funds for state legislative activities to help carry out the mission of the SDAD. The Legislative Committee's main responsibilities are to monitor legislative bills that may affect lives of deaf and hard of hearing constituents in the State of South Dakota and network with the legislators, stakeholders, policymakers and others.

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The Legislative Committee shall develop a budget plan that reflects the upcoming state legislative activities. It may include but not limited to:

- ☐ Lodging
- ☐ Mileage
- ☐ Per diem
- ☐ Interpreting
- ☐ Testimonials
- ☐ Supplies
- ☐ Car rentals
- ☐ Contract and Fees for Lobbyist
- ☐ Others (meeting room rental, etc.)

It may also include the meetings with the legislators, legislative research council, stakeholders, committee meetings, town hall or information sharing meetings, etc. and the costs for interpreting services will be included.

The legislative committee will be responsible to develop an independent contract agreement; to hire the lobbyist and to maintain all legislative communications. The legislative committee will keep the SDAD President and Board posted on legislative activities. The budget will be submitted to the SDAD Board for their approval.

The SDAD Legislative Committee will have full access to SDAD's resources, including printer, Facebook, website, emails, supplies, etc. The Chair of the Legislative Committee will be a Point of Contact during the legislative work.

SDAD approved on September 7, 2019