

CRID Mile High Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2006

Dora Veith called the meeting to order at 9:06.

Members Present: Rhonda Champion, Shawn Goodwin-Miller, Terri Jaussi, Becky Konjevod, Laura Odum

Officers Present: Dora Veith, Lorae Merritt, Kari Baker

Others Present: Dawn Mabry, Charlyn James (SCRID representatives)

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary

Motion: to approve September minutes (Lorae/Odum); **Motion carried.**

President – update from CRID state board meeting

- The state board is pursuing a motion to clarify the president/vp elect motion that the incumbent president and vice president may run for a second term if they so desire.
- CRID is sponsoring the Veditz center by purchasing an ad for \$300 on their website
- MH is not in support of hosting a RIV conference – PP is still discussing it with their membership. The point was brought up about the difficulty of fundraising for two conferences (state and regional) simultaneously. **ACTION ITEM:** Dora will present this concern to the state board.
- Fundraising/PR and Publications Committees now have new chairs. Fundraising – Devon Finnman and Penny Green. Publications – Carie Brannam.
- CRID state board was invited to be fiscal sponsors for VDay. VDay is a fundraising event for Dove and RAAP. CRID had concerns about becoming the fiscal sponsors for V-Day and needed time to research those concerns before committing - V-Day was unable to wait and went with other sponsorship.
- CRID state tabled a motion that would support a donation of Signed Illustrated books, as they felt they must discuss it with their members first. This motion is now moot.

Treasurer

- We have a balance of \$8,394.62 as of 11/10/06.
- The Spatial Structuring of ASL Workshop on 9/30/06 made a profit of \$2,189.49.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality

• Brenda Nowicki has stepped down as chair, so the chair position is now available. We extend a huge THANK YOU to Brenda for her time and energy. Terri Jaussi and Becky Konjevod volunteered to become co-chairs and Shawn volunteered to be on the committee.

• **Motion:** Members of the hospitality committee also be responsible for thank you cards for those how donate or participate or otherwise benefit CRID (Jaussi/Goodwin-Miller).

Amendment: and for sympathy/get well cards. **Motion carried**

• **Motion:** CRID MH send \$50 to Denver Metro Deaf Seniors in memory of Mary Elstad (Jaussi/Goodwin-Miller). **Motion carried.**

ACTION ITEM: Terri will give Lorae the address for Denver Metro Deaf Seniors; Lorae will send the check.

Fund Raising

• Spaghetti Dinner – Friday, January 26, 2007 at SAC from 5-8:30

ACTION ITEM: Shawn contact Kendi Hylton to see if she is interested in helping with the dinner.

ACTION ITEM: Dora to get the word out that 10-15 volunteers are needed.

• King Soopers

Rhonda Champion did follow up with Vitamin Cottage and they do have a similar program if we wanted to expand this fundraiser to other stores.

Per a motion at the last meeting, we have changed how the fundraiser works. This has caused a decrease in participation. Last year, we bought \$20,170 worth of King Soopers certificates that members then purchased, and we made a total profit of \$830. Even with the new gift card system, there is a lot of risk for those handling the cards and money.

Motion: Mile High cease to do the King Soopers gift certificate fundraiser as the return benefit does not equal the risk and work involved (Jaussi/Konjevod). **Motion carried.**

Resolution: Mile High would like to express heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all members who participated and contributed for so many years to this fundraising effort, as CRID was able to benefit from it. **ACTION ITEM:** Dora to ensure resolution is posted in the next CRID...InTouch.

ACTION ITEM: Dora will check into the MH board being bonded.

• ESCRIP - Only 3 members are signed up for this fundraiser. There are some concerns that ESCRIP may be tracking purchases incorrectly. **ACTION ITEM:** Lorae will follow up with ESCRIP. **ACTION ITEM:** Lorae send an email with ESCRIP website link to Dora for distribution to members. At future MH fundraisers and events, we could bring forms for people to sign up.

• Purple hair fundraiser – Amie Seiberlich and Lynda Remmel have teamed up to do a fundraiser for RMDS. If they raise \$2,500 each by May 19, 2007, they will both dye their hair purple and have “RMDS” shaved in. CRID MH and SCRID FRCC are co-sponsoring this event. CRID MH is tracking and holding the funds for Amie and Lynda. The idea of MH donating money to the purple hair fund was tabled until the January meeting.

• There is concern about CRID donating money to other organizations, and how this may affect our 510c3 status.

ACTION ITEM: Terri will contact Genie to see if she has information about this, and if it has been addressed at the state level.

ACTION ITEM: Lorae will speak to a friend who is an accountant to see what she can find out.

Professional Development

- The Spatial Workshop was a success!
- Plans are still in progress for a workshop on the new Professional Code of Conduct. Shawn will continue to be in contact with RID. Sorenson may be doing a similar workshop or may be willing to sponsor the workshop.

ACTION ITEM: Shawn will follow up with Sorenson

SCRID (3 SCRID representatives were present to give a report)

- SCRID is selling “Stop Audism” t-shirts for \$12 each. For the first order, profits go to SCRID; for the second order, profits go to the purple hair fund.
- Dove giving tree – they will be receiving the list from Dove soon. **ACTION ITEM:** Laura will pass it along to Dora to distribute to MH members
- SCRID wondered if MH would be willing to donate any money toward Silent Weekend, as they are pouring their fundraising efforts into the purple hair fund. After further discussion, SCRID reps felt this was unnecessary.
- SCRID will be announcing their meetings in advance now, so that CRID members will know about the meetings and have the option of attending.

ACTION ITEM: SCRID representatives present will take CRID information back to SCRID members about Signing Snow Day, Spaghetti Dinner, etc.

CQSI

DORA has recommended that the CQSI application not be submitted to the legislature. The Deaf community is not giving up on this issue, and will meet again 11/22/06. This does not prohibit the application from being submitted, but it makes things more complicated to not have DORA’s support.

NEW BUSINESS

- Signing Snow Day is February 24, 2007!

The Signing Snow Day committee needs: volunteer interpreters (2-2.5 hours), volunteers for registration and the child activity center, help spreading the word (even to people not within the Deaf and interpreter community), and donations.

ACTION ITEM: Becky email flyer to Dora, Dora distribute to affiliate presidents

- V-Day support

MOTION: Funds raised at the 2007 Spaghetti Dinner be donated to the V-Day event (Goodwin-Miller/Jaussi) **Motion carried**

Discussion: Last year’s spaghetti dinner was a fundraiser for MH conference – perhaps this annual dinner could be used to raise money for different events each year.

- Dove fund

Dove has a need for getting victims out of town from time to time – perhaps MH could set aside funds for that to be used by Dove as needed?

Concerns: we first need to see how donations will affect our 501c3 status. While CRID MH is extremely supportive of Dove, we also need to be aware of CRID's mission, and make sure we do not stray too far away from it in our decisions about donations. We are not necessarily a philanthropic organization, and it sets a precedent to the community to come to CRID for money – this may not be a reality in the future. With the money we have, we could look into supporting Dove in ways that complement CRID's mission.

Other options may be more at an individual level – we could encourage CRID members to donate to Dove directly for that type of fund or for people to use their frequent flyer miles for tickets.

Motion: Extend the meeting for 30 minutes (Merritt/Jaussi). **Motion carried.**

- FRCC IPP is in need of tutors. Lynda is considering putting on a “How to Tutor” class in January. Members seemed interested in this class because some feel they have a lack of tools and resources to tutor effectively. **ACTION ITEM:** Dora will talk with Lynda about the points brought up during discussion.
- Belize motion **ACTION ITEM:** Dora will contact RID to see if anything is already in place that could meet the need for “Signs Illustrated” books to be sent to Belize.
- CRID MH Meetings – a member expressed concern about not being able to attend the Saturday morning meetings. Discussion was held about if a better time could be found, but it was decided to leave the meetings at their regular day and time.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Terri, Becky and Shawn are in charge of hospitality for January meeting.
- **Motion:** CRID research and educate spoken language interpreter agencies and send letters to these agencies to recommend that they not provide sign language interpreting services, and to educate interpreters not to work through these agencies (Jaussi/Goodwin-Miller). **Motion carried.** Discussion: Spoken language agencies are not familiar with sign language interpreting and the needs of individual consumers – it is a detriment to the profession. **ACTION ITEM:** Terri and Shawn will contact the organization for spoken language interpreters to bring them on board with the idea, and will also bring this before the state board in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Over 45 people attended the Deaf Dog Picnic! Thanks to Shawn for attending!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR JANUARY MEETING

Discuss Pampered Chef fundraiser

NEXT MEETING

January 20th

The meeting adjourned at 11:29

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari M. Baker

ACTION ITEMS RECAP

Dora

Present the concern of raising money for two conferences within the same year to the state board.
Check into the MH board being bonded.

Present concerns about tutoring to Lynda.

Contact RIV to see if anything is already in place that could meet the need for "Signs Illustrated" books to be sent to Belize.

Distribute ESCIP link to members (after receiving it from Lorae)

Distribute Signing Snow Day flyer to affiliate presidents (after receiving it from Becky)

Forward motion regarding spoken language interpreter agencies to the state level and request that Terri and Shawn be included in the agenda.

Lorae

Send an email with ESCRIP website link to Dora for distribution to members

Research 510c3 status in regard to donations

Follow up with ESCRIP about discrepancies in amount earned thus far

Send a check for \$50 to Denver Metro Deaf Seniors

Terri, Becky and Shawn

Hospitality for January meeting

Terri and Shawn

Contact the organization for spoken language interpreters

Laura

Send Dora the list of Dove giving tree items to distribute to MH members

SCRID representatives

Take information back to SCRID about Signing Snow Day, Spaghetti Dinner, etc.

Becky

Email Signing Snow Day flyer to Dora.

Shawn

Contact Kendi Hylton to see if she is interested in helping with the spaghetti dinner

Follow up with Sorenson to see if they would be interested in sponsoring a CRID MH Code of Professional Conduct workshop

Give Dora SAC's email address for *CRID...InTouch* advertising:

Send Dora and Kari copies of the MH Bylaws

Terri

Contact Genie to see if she has information about how donations affect 501c3 status, and if this issue has been addressed at the state level.

Give Lorae the address for Denver Metro Deaf Seniors