

Sudbury Commission on Disability (COD) Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023 Virtual Meeting

Cameron LaHaise, Chair, called the virtual meeting to order with roll call at 7:33pm.

Members present: Cheryl Wallace, Karyn Jones, Liesje Quinto, Cameron LaHaise

Missing: Bessie Struck

Cameron read remote meeting protocols. Liesje was assigned to take meeting minutes. Cameron gave the opportunity for public comment.

Merge Diverse Abilities Inclusion Consulting Updates

- All Abilities Halloween: Karyn shared update that we do have the funding from sponsors to support a Lisa Drennan event.
- Lisa Drennan from Merge Diverse Abilities Inclusion Consulting joined the meeting.
- Lisa presented on some options that might work for moving forward in the planning of this event. Identifying partnerships and how to engage the whole community is most important.
- Suggest marketing the event to the whole community. Message that inclusion is everyone's responsibility.
- COD discussed potential community partners (DEI, Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Seniors). Very rough estimate for event cost is \$5K.
- Cam to reach out to Town Manager about what months would be best for the program. Liesje to reach out to the Chamber of commerce

Accessible Halloween Update

Gift in Kinds – Approximately \$6,000

Cash – \$3,050

Spent - \$552

- Karyn read a parent impact statement about the event. The family had such a positive experience that they wrote a thank you email upon returning home to express their appreciation. Their heartfelt message highlighted the meaningful impact the event had on them and their gratitude for the efforts put into making it a success.
- Karyn reviewed the news coverage and additions to the website.
- Suggested starting in Spring for Halloween 2024.

Financial Update

- A second account has been set up for our donations.
- A meeting has been scheduled with Chief Nix for November with Cam and Liesje to discuss parking tickets and share the initiatives that we are working on and see if he can join a meeting.

Adjourn

Liesje Quinto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Wallace seconded the motion

Roll Call:

Liesje Quinto - Yes

Cheryl Wallce Yes

Karyn Jones - Yes

Cam LaHaise - Yes

Adjourned at 9:13 PM

