

## Disability Awareness Day Sub Committee Meeting Notes

May 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:14 PM

Review application for ballroom handed to Val and it was decided Paul would be the renter.

Paul's notes inform the group that the Selectmen have not yet replied to his letter seeking a wavier for the rental fee. If Paul does not hear back by May 11<sup>th</sup>, he will contact the board again.

Lois suggested that we get the custodians from 12-5 to allow for setup and takedown time.

Paul suggested waiting to design the floor plan for the 13 6' tables available at the Community Center. After some discussion, it is concluded that we need to figure out if they are round or long tables.

By August, we plan on knowing how many vendors will be in attendance and needing table space.

Paul would like to contact various Town Departments and the Social Worker at Stonybrook Apartments to invite them to DAD.

Lois is concerned about inviting town departments because they may want to set up exhibits at a table and that would limit the space for vendors in from the community.

She mentioned that Ann Marie Gagnon of HESSCO is very excited as is RIDE AWAY from Norwood.

Lois read her letter to the group and noticed that she listed the wrong date and time so she made note of it to correct it later.

Marketing and PR will consist of local newspapers, flyers around town, The VIEW (Sharon Adult Center Newsletter) and other projects which we will discuss at future meetings.

Linda Salon who is on the 250<sup>th</sup> committee used to be on the commission and could be a great resource.

We have been approved to have a presence at square jam in August. We are not allowed to sell anything or exchange money, but we could hand out order forms and display the T shirts in case anyone wanted to purchase one later.

There was some discussion as to whether we should order the t shirts in a baby onesie size.

Paul and Susan met with Rinah of the Binah school who is excited about the T shirts.

It has been decided that we will wear the T shirts while marching in the 250<sup>th</sup> parade in the Fall. There was some discussion about buying a banner that we could use in the parade and also at DAD.

We decided a working list of 6-9 speakers to invite would be best, with the hope we get 2 speakers per hour that can attend.

As a group, we decided on this working list of speakers to invite/host:

1. JJ McGrath
2. Universal Design/Public Housing representation: Institute for Human Centered Design
3. Aimee Mullins TED Talk
4. SHARE
5. Camp Jabberwocky
6. The Binah School
7. Pat Gavin from HESSCO

It was also suggested that Paul serve as the MC for the event.

There was also discussion about honoring Sid at the event and mentioning the dedication at the train station. It was decided we would invite his family and honor his memory and look into showing a portrait similar to one used at another 250<sup>th</sup> event.

WORKING LIST OF SUPPLIES WE NEED TO CHECK ON:

Chairs for the audience of the speaker

Chairs around the Tables and booths so people can sit while looking around

Lap top for the projector for the TED talk

Projector for the TED Talk

Sign language interpreter

Professor Les Cory Video and laptop and headphones to play it on

PA System – we plan on asking Norma if we can borrow from the Adult Center

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30

Next meeting will be decided before June. Potential date is June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.