

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee

Date: 8/28/25

Brookings City and County Government Center

520 3rd St, Room 241

Brookings, SD 57006

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Attendance: Aysia Platte, Mark Sternhagen, Ali Teesdale, Carrie Smith, Ariana Limoges, Jenny Hallan, Jennifer Mees, Maureen (city), Keena Melville, Ramona Kauk

SDSU Student: Absent

SDSU Liaison: Jenny Hallan

HRC Liaison: Absent

Library Liaison: Absent

Brookings School District Liaison: Absent

City Representative: Maureen Simet

Guests: Keena Melville

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM

2. Approval items

a. Agenda

b. Minutes

Motion to approve agenda and notes Carrie, 2nd Jen;

Vote: Yes: Aysia, Mark, Ali, Carrie, Ariana, Jennifer, Ramona; No: 0

3. Budget Updates

4. Officer Updates

a. Chair:

i. Matt has resigned from the BDAC. No applications on file. Will need to do a call for applications. Advertise open till filled. Applications are reviewed by the chair and executive board. SDSU Student position is also open.

ii. Please Email mark about a standout BDAC event that was attended last year (2024)

b. Media:

i. Keep a look out to share Facebook event for Billy Sutton and ensure to share and share frequently. Also, Share Facebook post as a call for speakers at monthly meeting

c. Others: No update

5. ASL Class: Update

a. Awaiting scheduling with Library

6. Any access issues to talk about .

a. Post office: Lewis and Hy-vee postal services ending Sept. 30th. UPS store will mail USPS labels but they cannot print them.

7. Work Plan Item:

a. NDEAM

i. October 14th or 28th

8. Events/Publicity Discussion (Social Media Campaign)

a. Brochures and Merch to hand out updates sub committee

i. Lynda not present

Motion was made to allow the executive committee to accept the brochure if completed prior to next meeting: Motion: Ramona, 2nd Jen

Vote: Yes: Aysia, Mark, Ali, Carrie, Ariana, Jennifer, Ramona (Carrie left prior to this vote); No: 0

b. Speaker on disabilities Billie Sutton Oct 21 st

i. Please promote as much as possible

c. Whitecane Oct 15

i. At this time BDAC is promoting the event and encouraging others to support and attend, but at this time we are not partnering on this event.

d. Awards Dec 3rd

i. Dakota Bank Center. Both Enable and Empower awards will be presented.

e. Keena shared that there is a new professor teaching classes about Autism and Neurodiversity Dr. Lacey Knudson; Possible speaker at future meeting

9. Meeting Date/Format Sept 25 th , noon is next scheduled

10. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Ramona, Ari 2nd

Vote: Yes: Aysia, Mark, Ali, Carrie, Ariana, Jennifer, Ramona ; No: 0

Meeting adjourned @ 12:36pm