

February 10, 2024

Attendance: 22 out of 56 members

Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf

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The general meeting of JCCD was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Elzbieta Kaminski. The following were present:

President: Elzbieta Kaminski, Vice-President: Lori Brennan, Treasurer: John Brennan. Secretary: Lisa Dramin-Absent (Excused)

In attendance were the Board members: Linda Kuhn, Greg Lowry, Becky Prill, and Tara Cook. Absent: Barb Riordan (Excused)

The agenda of the meeting was addressed before proceeding with the meeting.

- \* Elzbieta Kaminski signed the Pledge of Allegiance.
- \* Paula Chance signed the Mission Statement.
- \* Oath Ceremony: Tara Cook swore the oath for 2024 led by Mary Anderson.
- \* Moment of Silence: None
- \* Agenda to Approve: Paula Chance moved that the agenda is good to go. (Seconded by Greg Lowry)

\* The minutes of Jan 6, 2024 : were read, corrected, and approved.

\* Introduction of Visitors: No visitors

\* Communication: The first letter from Abraham Lincoln Museum/History showed their appreciation for our service to the local community. They invited us to the museum for free admission on Aug 7, 2024, with a pre-scheduled booking.

The second letter was from Madison Koehne who is CODA. Her father is Xavier Koehne. She requested our help with her financial assistance for her college.

The third letter was from Alvin Eades to thank JCCD for Appreciation of the Corporation for 39 years by paying an annual membership fee of \$20.00 to Alvin Eades Center, Inc.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: John Brennan**

Some mistakes had to be corrected. Auditors must sign their names on the treasurer's report before each meeting. Bob Dramin suggested that Senior Citizens and Non-Senior Citizens have different membership fees be separate which will make the figures easier to read. John Brennan will need to separate game proceeds and beverage money, too.

#### December and January reports:

The Checking account balance as of December 1, 2023, was \$10,747.25 and the balance as of December 31, 2023, was \$6,168.92.

The savings account balance as of Nov 27, 2023, was \$24,004.24 and the end balance as of December 26, 2023, was \$14,964.24.

The Checking account balance as of Jan 2, 2024, was \$6,168.92, and the end balance as of January 31, 2024, was \$6,999.28.

The savings account balance as of Dec 27, 2023, was \$14,964.96 and the end balance as of Jan 25, 2024, was \$14,965.57.

Audited by Tom Chance and Bob Dramer.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Elzbieta Kaminski**

1. We will have lunch here because the meeting will be long. We agreed that JCCD pay for the food, but the members donated the money to cover lunch and tips.
2. Elzbieta Kaminski showed a PowerPoint to show the theory of the Super Bowl football game that applies to JCCD and the community.
3. Unfortunately, Raymond Higuette is not available to help until further notice so Elzbieta selected Bregitt Endicott to be JCCD's Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. She invited Bregitt to give a brief presentation about the webmaster. Bregitt is a member of JCCD now and wants to contribute to JCCD. She will start doing the Newsletter this month.
4. I, Elzbieta Kaminski, have not contacted the Standing Committees yet due to unfinished business with the Guidelines and the Retreat on the By-Laws. The By-Laws Committee will give a presentation on the Guidelines after New Business. Someone moved that the By-Laws Committee do the presentation after the New Business. The motion is agreed upon and passed.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Lori Brennan**

She left without reporting on her activities as V.P.

**SECRETARY: Lisa Dramin is absent**

Linda Kuhn, the board member, was willing to take over for Lisa today. No report from Lisa Dramin but Bob Dramin mentioned that Lisa is concerned about the USB not working with the HP laptop.

**AD HOC Committees:**

> **ADA doors Project:** **Paula Chance:** Informed us that the doors and other materials ordered in November should be in by the end of February according to Mike, our Contractor.

>**SUPR Lease Agreement:** **Paula Chance:** Asked the members agree to let the Agreement be drawn up by a lawyer for our protection so we approved Byron Sims, the lawyer who did the Land Deed for us, to do the task.

Elzbieta Kaminski showed the #990 tax information on the screen that all of the board members are on the list that she was not acknowledged about. She explained that Kia couldn't sign any checks. The board members can sign the checks for Kia. Joe Viera pointed out JCCD FEIN is a "Social Security number".

>**JCSD Storage:** Deleted - not in JCCD order of business.

>**MENTORING:** **Paula Chances:** Plans to ask members to participate.

>**ADA Doors Fund:** **Tom Chance:** Was told that the thermometer for the ADA doors fund is \$196.00 so far. ISDAA will donate \$200.00 to ADA doors. Tom and Paula Chance plan to donate \$100.00 for ADA doors.

>**Camera Policy for insurance purposes:** John Brennan left with no report.

>**JCCD 40th Anniversary:** Bob Dramin: Found the flyer for the 35th Anniversary that he can revise the flyer for the 40th Anniversary. He will set up the date for the committee meeting soon. We need to discuss the date for the 40th Anniversary. Kelby Brick still wants to be our Guest Speaker for the 40th Anniversary. Bob mentioned about a new thermometer for the event to keep recording the money to know how much the fund has raised.

>**White Dry Erase Board:** Lori Brennan: Gave the information on whiteboard prices and four options to the President. Elzbieta Kaminski showed the four options on the screen from the laptop. Dawn Knous made the motion to table this at the next meeting. (Tara seconded the motion.)

>**March Madness Event:** Bob Dramin: Said that JCCD will host the March Madness Texas Hold 'Em on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be some games for those non-Poker players. Hints: UNO, LCR, Switch, SkipBo, Bunco, etc.

>**Super Bowl Party:** Elzbieta Kaminski: Reminded the members that we, JCCD, will have the Super Bowl party on February 11, 2024. The party will start at 4:30 pm. Everyone brings food to share. Bring the cooler for your alcoholic drinks. Tara will take care of the TV for the Super Bowl game. There will be 3 deafies at the Super Bowl, it will not be on PIP but you can watch from the laptop. Come and have fun!

>**Awards and Plaques:** Bob Dramin: Wanted to hang up plaques on the wall. John Brennan has plaques somewhere in the shed.

**STANDING COMMITTEES: Reports must be submitted to Lisa Dramin**

**ASL CARES: Paula Chance:** Brandie Belford has been in communication with the Springfield Gentiva Hospice to set up a date to meet with their team hopefully in the last week of February. Sarah Wilson is still waiting for confirmation from the Springfield Memorial Hospital Social Worker for our meeting with her.

**BUILDING and GROUNDS: Jerry Glenn:** Last Monday was nice weather and cool and he looked around the JCCD property. He talked with the city about the ditch, and he was concerned that the ditch was too deep for the mower to go into. He asked the city when he would fix the ditch. The guy said that he does not know. He picked up the garbage and found a large branch broken off on the ground. About the shed, Jerry Glenn called Linda Kuhn to come and explain to him what is in the shed and who it belongs to. I found the JCCD sign that has a crack behind the plastic cover. I will find out how much the plastic cover costs. The good news is that the mower is done being tuned up. Henry's shop will send the bill to JCCD. There are three keys for the mower. I asked John Knous and Greg Lowry to be on this committee. Tom Chance asked Jerry Glenn if he would ask people to help insulate the new enclosure on the front porch. He said he would.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Greg Lowry:** Sent out the Newsletter and the information but some people contacted him and said that they did not get it. Make sure that you check the spam or junk mail to click, not reply to spam. Then you will get it in your mailbox.

**BYLAWS and GUIDELINES: Paula Chance, Bob Dramin, Mary**

**Anderson:** We stopped at the Attachments part to continue and complete in the February 25th Special meeting for more suggestions/revisions if any

for approval. Several revisions as well as some added new Guidelines were noted.

**FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL EVENTS:** Linda Kuhn: No report as Elzbieta already mentioned the Super Bowl party.

**JCCD ARCHIVES COMMITTEE:** Paul Pyers: Asked if he could change the name to Archives instead of History. We agreed to change to Archives. He had an interview with Paula Chance about JCCD's Land deed. Since the founding of JCCD in 1985, we had an understanding that Alvin Eades, who gave a part of the land to us, had a daughter, named Jennifer Eades, who later became a resident of Alvin Eades Center. I found a report that Jennifer was a granddaughter, not the daughter of Alvin. There is no obituary of Alvin Eades, Sr. I am still working on that.

**IT TECHNICIANS:** Elzbieta Kaminski: Works on the webpage with Bregitt. I worked with Ray Higuette on GoDaddy. Ray is not available with me until further notice. I asked the members for permission to revise the JCCD webpage. I checked with Janice Birchall about social media.

**KITCHEN/INVENTORY/CLEANING:** Linda Kuhn: Wanted to thank Rozie Jacobs for cleaning the floor for me. She suggested that I buy the Spin Mop System which will be easier to use than the mop and the pail. I asked the members if it was OK for me to buy the Spin Mop System. They said yes.

**MEMORIALS:** Paul Pyers: Knew one person who passed away recently but the death does not pertain to JCCD. I still have the book and the papers at home, and I have not done anything with it. I understand that Lisa Dramin writes a thank you note as per new JCCD Guidelines. So, I wonder if she is responsible for writing thank you notes to people who donate in memory of the ones who passed away?

**OCM: Paula Chance:** Appreciated the new information from I.S.D and wondered where it came from. It was Elzbieta Kaminski who sent it to Greg Lowry. The BWW (Buffalo Wild Wings) uproar on January 28, 2024, that led to two deaf customers being banned from patronizing their place indefinitely is being investigated. I have yet to talk with the RMC Cinemas Manager about freeing up more dates for OC movies, my apology.

**WORKSHOPS: Paula Chance/Paul Pyers**

Paula Chance said that Ariella Dramin asked to re-schedule her presentation for February to sometime in April. The members asked for either April 13th or 20th, Saturday morning, 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Paul Pyers mentioned the Parliamentary Procedure workshop and contacted Candi (Harbison) Milcznski. She didn't answer our group text. For that reason, I contacted her father, Charles Harbison at the Villages and explained what happened and asked him if his daughter was still working for Gallaudet University Regional Center. The father said he thought so and gave me another phone number. I tried to contact Candi again. She had not answered the phone. I will have a meeting with John Brennan and Mary Anderson soon.

**DISCUSSIONS/ISSUES:**

**\*Thank You Cards** - Elzbieta will talk with Dave Cook about the hard paper to print with the JCCD logo.

**\*Affiliates to insert in ByLaws-** To move in the New Business.

**\*Newsletter Feedback-** The JCCD logo must be on the first page the as recent NL had the JCCD logo on 2nd page.



**\*Donation Resolution-** Anytime a person donated an object to JCCD, it becomes a gift and if of no use, can be removed. No need to return the object to the donor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Rozie's motion referred to the By-Laws Committee is tabled to the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jerry Glenn moved that we, JCCD, buy a new knob with a lock for the Men's bathroom. (Paul Pyers seconded.) **PASSED**
2. Jerry Glenn moved to remove the door to the stall in the Men bathroom. (Paula Chance seconded). Bob Dramin amended that stall door in the Women's Bathroom be taken out too. (Paula Chance seconded.) **PASSED**
3. Paula Chance moved that the President form a committee of 3 to plan a group trip to the Abraham Lincoln Museum on August 7, 2024. (Dawn Knous seconded.) **PASSED**
4. Paula Chance moved that we send a JCCD representative to the NAD Convention. (Tom Chance seconded.) **PASSED**
5. Paula Chance moved that we amend Affiliate's Membership to Article #3 in JCCD By-Laws. (Bob Dramin seconded.) **PASSED**
6. Bob Dramin moved that JCCD purchase the new U.S. flag as a backup. (Jeannie Jones seconded.) **PASSED**
7. Paul Pyers moved that JCCD has 5 priorities listed in our mission statement. (Rozie Jacobs seconded.) **FAILED**

New Business closed and tabled the Guidelines meeting to February 25, 2024, at 1 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS

JACKPOT: Joe Viera won \$19.00 but donated \$17.00 to the ADA doors fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dramin (ld)