

ODFL Board Meeting
January 16, 2025
6 pm to 7:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Roll Names: Chris Cooley, Dawn W., Christine S., Angela P., Danny L., Debbie B., Regis Gilchrist, Chuck W., Michael H., Liliana P., Juanita H. Danny L (late)

Absentees: Jenny J.

Excused: Brad Race, Nancy Levin

President started to call at 6:06 PM

The minutes of November 7, 2024: Chuck W (Regis G) move that we approved as read.. PASSED

President's Report: Dawn Watts

Congrats to Liliana P for 2024 Volunteer of the Year.

The Deaf Reader Newsletter subscriptions was the error. It is 1,805 of people subscribed.

For the 5th Annual Deaf Themed Art Contest, we need to withdraw \$340.00 (attachment of flyer) for 4 categories: K-2nd, 3-5th grades, 6th-8th grades, and 9th-12th grades)

Note to the ODFL treasurer: please put "Deaf-Themed Art Contest group" for our knowledge budget because Advocate of Kids donated to the ODFL. Also, Columbus Foundation, \$200.00 donated.

In reading the newsletter, noticed the Deaf History display. Wondering if we could get more information about hosting Ohio Deaf History display. Letter written by Youth Service Supervisor of Westerville Public Library.

Irene Tunanidas is interested as Editor for the Deaf Reader Newsletter.

Marsha Moore, ODA President emailed, we would like to a partner with working on The Deaf Reader Newsletter. Irene is a member of ODA. She shared her flyers "Ohio Deaf Pickleball Tournament Sponsorship Tournament on September 13, 2025 at 9am to 6pm.

I attended US Congresswoman, Joyce Beatty for the Rose Parks Day at the OSU on December 13th. I talked to her assistant about the National Deaf History Month Bill. She asked me to continue with her next year, 2025. Hopefully the new ODA President will act this bill. We need to work together.

Vice President's Report: Angie P.

We are happy to announce that Liliana is chosen as a recipient for the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2024. The award is on the way.

Code of Ethics, there are a hearsay issues that needs to add on the ODFL Ethical Conduct. "Deceived,

defraud, or mislead ODFL board members, officers, or other associates, or those with whom ODFL has business or other relationships.

Ohio Deaf History Month- encourage to go to local library or libraries, the more the better recognition and promotion to display sign language books or authors.

Secretary's Report: Christine S.

A great news that I have emailed successfully with Deaf Author Karlie Waldrip of her storybook 'We Deaf-Initely Can' about her and her Deaf dog Rhett- Let's the Adventures Begin! Karlie is excitingly accepted for an hour virtual Zoom meeting at the Ohio School for the Deaf with the students at 10AM on during Ohio Deaf History of the Month on Thursday, March 20, 2025! Dawn and I will be there at OSD. Then I will introduce of Deaf Author Karlie to the students. Amazing news! Thank you to OSD Principal Anthony for letting this happen on the 20th.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie B.

4th quarter's report: Spent the expenses of GoDaddy \$46.34 and Renew Ohio Secretary of State for the Deaf Reader Newsletter \$39.00. The expenses total are \$85.34.

The Ending Balance is \$3,742.80.

Debbie Brown will send us a year of report by email. Also, post reports on the website because of the 501 c3's rule.

Chuck (Regis Christ) moved to accept 4th quarter of the Treasurer's report. PASSED.

Region Reps:

Chris Cooley: I talked with Library about ASL Storyteller, Art Crafts, etc. Work on it.

Liliana Pokorny: I will give my ASL Storyteller on Feb 1st. Ben C, Librarian always asked me to do on first week of month.

ASL Storyteller Chairperson: Danny L.

Danny had several meeting with ASL Storyteller/Deaf Mentor Program committee (Margot/Mike Repas, Carrell Warren, Brad Race, Regis Christ, and Nancy Levin) Discussed that we need to do with ASL Storyteller first because Deaf Mentor Program would take a long term goal. I found Nancy Levin that she is really resourceful person for our ODFL. I found that she is very talent in the grant writing and she knows to reach many libraries. Blessed to have her with us. Impressed with her. I am so happy to know that she is co-chairperson with me. For now, we will work with 4 libraries: Napoleon Public Library, Dayton Public Library, Columbus Public Library, and Coventry Public Library. We would like to have deaf person who can do for ASL storyteller. Please say Thanks to Nancy Levin for her wonderful person!!

The Deaf Reader Newsletter: Juanita Hall/Dawn Watts

We just send out the January 2024 vol. 1 The Deaf Reader Newsletter. Dawn is a fantastic, NL Director who provides the majority of the articles and information to share with the public.

ODFL Website: Mike Homko

I will post President's report (U-Tube), minutes meeting, Treasurer's report. I need to have Vice president's picture and bio. Check up if there is any update for the officers.

Wonder if we will have a booth at the Deaf National Expo on October 11, 2025. Dawn said that we need to discuss for the next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion #2025-01: Angie (Chris C.) move that we, ODFL, appointed Irene Tunanidas as our proofreader for the Deaf Reader Newsletter. PASSED.

Action plan: Christine, ODFL Secretary will email to Irene.

Motion #2025-02: Debbie B. move that we donated \$340.00 to our 5th Annual Deaf-Themed Art Contest. PASSED

Motion #2025-3: Danny L (Regis G) move that we want to invite ODA President Marsha MOore to our next meeting on April 17th at 6 pm. AGREED.

***Next Meeting will be on February 13th for the Ohio Deaf History Month and Art Contest Committee-** Debbie B, Liliana P., Chris C., Angie P., and Brad Race

Announcement:

Danny L gave his presentation "Deaf Nation, Indigenous, and Native American Deaf" they will work on the movie, will release to us soon.

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Adjoined at 7:34 PM

Submitted Yours,

Christine Stepien

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