

Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library
Minutes Meeting
January 18, 2024

Attendees: Debbie Brown, Christine Stephien, Melissa Kelly, Brad Race, Mike Homko, Lilian Pokorny, Bryan Grubb, Scott Van Nice, Danny Lucero, Chris Cooley

Absent: Angie Potosky, Juanita Hall, Allison Ratcliff, Nancy Levin, Marsha Moore and Jenny Jaske

Visitors: Chuck Williams, Skip Bergquist

Volunteer Interpreters: Leah Subak and Arisa Lomanto (Practicum Interpreter)

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Dawn Watts

Danny Lucero (Debbie Brown) moved that the December 14, 2023 minutes meeting was approved. PASSED.

President's report:

Send out her reports by email. No questions.

Update interpreters for the ODFL meeting. I had a meeting with Sorenson about the price, it will cost us over 1,000.00 for a year plus 150.00 for fee service. Heritage Interpreter will cost us over 2,000.00.

Prefer to use volunteer interpreters and use CSCC Practicum students with a Supervisor interpreter. Our organization does not have that much money in our account.

Nancy Levin is interested in being our board member as a Librarian Advisor. I appointed her and need your vote for approval.

Ohio Hands & Voices is willing to be our partnership agreement for our 4th Annual Students' Art Drawing Contest at Columbus Art Museum. I need your vote for approval.

Barbara Kimmel, ODFL Consultant, advised me to edit the ODFL Brochure and will work on the website with Mike Homko.

The Deaf Mentor Program, we must reach our goal this year. Dr. Marsha Moore, Danny L, and I will meet on Wednesday, Feb 1st.

Chuck Williams wants to see H. Res 290 Bill National Deaf History Month, I contacted US Congresswoman, Joyce Beatty. Hopefully, they will act on this bill this year.

<https://trackbill.com/bill/us-congress-house-resolution-290-supporting-the-goals-and-ideals-of-national-deaf-history-month/2418061/>

The Re Vote up! Make the Disability Vote count. www.aapd.com/REVUP. I was invited to the Zoom meeting, they want to improve for disability voters. For example, DB people do not have transportation to the vote. Need to improve for someone who can visit his/her house to vote.

Thanks to you, all for selecting me as the 2023 ODFL Volunteer of the Year. It is an honor to accept. Again, thank you for your volunteer with ODFL for the past 3 years, I felt that you, all deserved to get Volunteer certification.

Vice President: Angie Potosky

She emailed us her report on Jan 17th.

Secretary: Christine Stephien

She emailed us her report, too

Treasurer: Debbie Brown

Our former ODFL Gail T and I had our meeting, she trained me how to do with Bank, Post Office for mailbox. She gave me all the records to me. The bank changed the name to me. Gail will work on the N990 for ODFL. She will train me how to do it.

The balance is \$1,791.77. I will let you know at the end of Jan for our first quarter of my report.

ODFL Regional Reps.

Melissa Kelly and Juanita Hall discussed with the Library in Cinn, Ohio for Deaf books during Ohio Deaf History Month. Scott Van Nice joins us for the first time.

State Library of Ohio emailed my cover letter to all Main and Branch Libraries, whom to contact ODFL Regional Reps. CEO State Library of Ohio will need to meet and Barbara Kimmel. To collaborate with our ODFL on their State Library of Ohio website.

Scott Van Nice, An attorney live in Cinn for the past 22 years, and has been working for Procter & Gamble.

Melissa Kelly: In Cinn for 20 years, ASL teacher

Danny Lucero: I moved to Ohio from Indiana, I will work with Debbie Brown in the Statehouse for the Ohio Deaf History Month Display. If you have something about your culture that want to share, please let me know. Also, I want to work Deaf Mentor Program.

Brad Race: Philly Team! Enjoyed working with ODFL, and live in Columbus for three years from Philly.

Liliana Pokorny: I used to work for Beachwood School as a Deaf Mentor but I am now retired for two years. I also involved in ASL storytelling at Cleveland Heights Public Library

ODFL Website, Mike H:

He needs more pictures from Regional Reps and their bio. Also, will edit more ideas on the website. PayPal needs to be put in the website, too.

The Deaf Reader Newsletter Juanita Hall:

She emailed her report to us. Jan 17, 2024. Thanks Brad Race for helping as co-editor.

ODFL Librarian Advisory

No report.

Old Business; NONE

New Business:

Debbie Brown (Danny L) moved the motion to accept Ohio Hands & Voices for partnership agreement with ODFL for the 4th Annual Students' Art Drawing Contest at Columbus Art Museum on March 3, 2024. PASSED.

Debbie Brown (Danny L) moved the motion to accept Bryan Grubb as ODFL Specialist DB Rep and Nancy Levin, Director as ODFL Library Advisory. PASSED.

Danny L moved to close in the new business meeting, PASSED.

Announcement:

OCRID Conference will be at CSCC on Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9th.
OAD: The Community Leadership meeting will be in the Zoom meeting on Saturday, Jan 20t at 11 am to 1 pm.

Adjourned at 7:15 pm

E-Voting by emailed

1. On Jan. 24th 2023 Fiscal year for ODFL with two auditors PASSED
2. On Jan 27th, Christine Stephien (Debbie Brown) moved a motion to accept John Bechhold as our ODFL Rep in the Columbus area. PASSED
3. On Jan 29th. Support to have ODFL Booth at the Columbus Colony Community Center by Deafopia on Saturday, April 20th. Register done.

Dawn Watts donated 100.00 to the OCRID Conference. We will have a free booth on Friday, March 8th, and Saturday, March 9th.

Sincerely,

Christine Stephen