

ODFL Board Meeting
April 17, 2025
6 pm to 7:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Roll Names: Chris Cooley, Dawn W., Christine S., Danny L. Debbie B., Regis Gilchrist, Juanita Hall, Marsha Moore, Brad Race,

ODFL Parliamentarian: Bob Donaldson-Pirc

Excused: Jenny J, Mike Homko, Angie P, Liliana P

Visitor: Marsha Moore and Julie Levine

President started to call at 6:05 PM

The minutes of January 16, 2025: Debbie B (Regis G) move that we approved as read. Passed.

President requested Board members for allowing in old Business now because Marsha Moore has another appointment at 7 pm,

Motion #2025-04: Danny L (Regis G) move that we, ODFL to unstable from the old business:
Motion #2025-03 to have ODA President Marsha Moore to discuss with us about the partnership with the Deaf Reader Newsletter. Passed.

Ohio Deaf Association, President Marsha Moore would like to have a partnership with The Deaf Reader Newsletter by the ODFL because she wants to see one newsletter. The Deaf Reader Newsletter has been so phenomenal. Dawn Watts, ODFL President suggested to have the Memo of understanding with the ODA. Marsha Moore likes the idea.

She added another issues about the ODA KODA Camp weekend will be on July 17th-20th, 2025. To fundraising raised over \$22,000, which means \$3,000 left. Two Deaf nurses will be at the camp. ODA Saturday April 19, 2025 meeting at OSD 10 AM-2 PM, NAD-til 5 PM. She requested us to donate money to Camp.

President's Report: Dawn Watts

Send President's report to the board, any questions. Attended to the Stark College for my presentation, they send 100.00 to the ODFL. They are very impressed with the ODFL. Picked up all pictures and displayed at the Ohio State House. Mailed all pictures to the Kids' frame to them on April 15th, they got packages next day.

Vice President's Report: Angie Potosky. No Report

Secretary's Report: Christine S.

During the Ohio Deaf History Month-March 13-April 15, 2025, Dawn and I have set up displays of Ohio Deaf History, and 5th Annual-Deaf Themed Arts Contest and more, at Ohio Statehouse in Downtown Columbus.

On March 20, 2025, Thursday at 10 AM, ODFL-Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library invited Deaf Author Karlie Waldrip and her Deaf dog Rhett to an hour long zoom meeting to the students at the Ohio School for the Deaf. As an ODFL Secretary Christine Stepien introduced about our non-profit organization ODFL and Deaf Author wrote her two books-'I Deafinitely Can' and 'We Deafinitely Can', to a virtual meeting with Karlie was a success because two groups of Elementary and High school levels in the audience with bunch of students were excited to learn and asked a lot of questions to ask with Author Karlie. It was SUCCESSFUL! Thank you to OSD Nancy Boone, ODFL President Dawn Watts, and ODFL Treasurer Debbie Brown for being there with us to make things happen.

Sent email of 2025 Deaf Nation Expos' in Columbus, Ohio, vendor booth and costs information to ODFL, to see if the Boards accepted or rejected. It was rejected because of the costs are expensive.

Brad Race and I were setting up booth of ODFL at CSCC-Columbus State Community College, Mitchell Hall to provide information of ODFL and note cards for Sale on April 2, 2025.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie B.

1st quarter report- ODFL and 5th Annual Deaf Themed Arts Contest- two separate Auditor to sign in perhaps not yet. Debbie Brown will work on the report as soon as possible. She will email to the ODFL Board and will need to vote.

Region Reps:

Chris Cooley: I talked with Library about ASL Storyteller, Art Crafts, etc. It went very successfully.

Brad Race: Karl Public Library provided ASL Storyteller by Felicia Williams with Christine Corner as Interpreter but not many children because it was in the late afternoon. It needed to change to the morning.

Danny L had ASL Storyteller at Dayton Public Library, everyone loved it.

ASL Storyteller Chairperson: Danny L. and Nancy Levine

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 Village 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. See Juanita's email about to appraise Dawn Watts' hard work. Juanita said, to review everything before print newsletter.

Irene Tunanidas accepted the Deaf Reader Newsletter as proofreader on fourth week of January, President emailed to the Board members.

Website: Mike H.

He added and edited pictures of Ohio Deaf History. Month.

Old Business: none

New Business:

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Motion #2025-05: Danny L. move \$500.00 to ODS KODA Camp. The motion is dead since no second this motion.

Motion #2025-06: Danny L (Regis G) move that we, ODFL donated \$250.00 to ODA KODA Camp. Passed.

Motion #2025-07: Juanita Hall (Debbie B) move that we, ODFL accepted Ohio Deaf Association (ODA) as partnership with ODFL for the Deaf Reader Newsletter with the Memo of Understand (MOU) with ODA President Marsha Moore. Passed.

Adjoined at 7:34 PM

Submitted Yours,

Christine Stepien