

RID Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2011
USM ASL Lab

Roll Call

Kelly Fitzgerald, Amy Dodge, Judy Kegl, Grace Cooney, Debbie Meyers, Mark Meyers, Regan Thibodeau via computer.

Meeting Commenced

7:15

Review and Accept Previous Meeting Minutes

Not discussed

Financial Report

Not discussed

Old Business

Not discussed

New Business

1. Deafhood Conference (Debbie & Mark Meyers)
 - DeafhoodFoundation.org for information
 - Possible speakers:
 - Cathy Say (solo), David Kurr, David Irwin(principal at deaf school), Ella Mae Lentz (author of signing naturally, founder of Deafhood), Jeannie Gertz (PhD from SeaSun, studies colonization), Paddy Ladd
 - For Deaf people only
 - Goal: educate deaf community; better sense of their own identity
 - Workshops:
 1. Basic 3 hour
 2. 6 hour/all day workshop
 - Mark needs from MERID:
 - Interpreter Services for Deaf/Blind (volunteer deaf interpreters)
 - Equipment for room
 - Possible co-sponsors:
 - Maybe MCD, Lions Club, Sorenson.
 - Fundraising in VT or NH? VTRID, NHRID.
 - Luther Bonney (donation from USM)
 - A Deafhood conference for hearing people was suggested.
 - Costs?
 - Presenters/Participants (\$20)/Flights for speakers/Fee to speakers
 - When will the conference be?
 - March?
 - September – same as Deaf Culture Festival?
 - CEU's for Workshop?
 - Deaf Art at Workshop:
 - Harlan Lane's "The Mind Hears"
 - Paddy Ladd as a speaker at the workshop
 - Mark needs to come back to the board with dates, description and costs.
2. Possible legal workshop by Pasch McCombs
 - Pasch McCombs is coming to Maine for legal workshop and there may be a dinner organized with legal interpreters (or those interested in Legal

interpreting) the 9th.

3. Downloaded Webinar on Legal Interpreting

An e-mail was recently sent from Evah regarding a webinar by Carlo Mathers.

4. The loss of continuing MEDOE funds for Educational Interpreters

- Money set aside for USM for training has been cut
- Around \$50,000 for the next 5 years. Plus possibly extra.
- The DOE is changing it's focus to deaf/blind/ssp training
- In the process, it was found that there are 22 deaf/blind children in Maine

5. The possibility of a Medical Interpreting Practicum and for Medical Interpreter training

Judy is working with Maine Med to try to set up a practicum for the Spring Semester.

6. Efforts to work with in interpreters on education equivalents and testing given the June 30 requirement of a BA

- As of June 30th, RID will require interpreters to have a Bachelor's Degree
- MERID could hold workshops on how to satisfy educational requirements across the state.
- MERID could help interpreters figure out what needs to be done.

7. The next general MERID meeting and rotating the site northward for that one.

- Augusta or Bangor was suggested for the next general meeting in the Spring, so that meetings are not always in Portland.
 - Maybe have something at a restaurant.
- It was also suggested maybe the Spring meeting being over a weekend, with presenters and possibilities for CEU's.

8. Choosing a date for the Scrabble/4 square tournament

- It was suggested to have the tournament the same day as Deaf Night out, so that people could go to both.
- Suggested date: December 10th.
 - See if possible to have tournament at Baxter, if not then USM.

Elections

Not discussed

Announcements

Not discussed

Upcoming Meeting Date and Location

November 1, 2011 at the USM ASL Lab, 7-9pm

Adjournment

9:00

Amy Dodge, Co-Secretary

