

RID Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2012
Sebago Brewing Company, Gorham

Roll Call

Regan Thibodeau, Amy Dodge, Lisa Trainor, Elyzabeth Smith, Kelly Fitzgerald

Meeting Commenced

4:00 pm

Review and Accept Previous Meeting Minutes

Not addressed.

Financial Report

- No formal report given, but discussed that the fiscal year is from June – June. Decided that we would stick with November – November for the Annual Report for this year.
- MERID website has been paid in full for the next ten years.
 - Regan will get the password to the website, and give to board members.
 - Need a new logo
- Looked at balance of Silver Lining Fund and decided to transfer money from that to the Betsy Reifman Leadership Award, and then nominations need to be made so that we can give someone \$250. An e-mail will be sent by the Secretary to nominate someone for the Silver Lining Fund also. Nominations need to be sent to the Secretary before February 9th, 2012.
 - Should we set up a second checking account for Scholarship Funds?
 - Give Hannaford Gift Cards to people for Silver Lining Fund?

Old Business

None.

New Business

- There was not a majority present, so no motions were taken.
- Regan presented a Theatre Soiree Workshop for approval.
- Stephanie Clark's Workshop is being postponed, a survey will be sent to decide on a new date.
- Several ideas were discussed to give a new face to MERID, and to have a better deaf/hearing community connection:
 - MERID T-shirts
 - A new logo? Maybe a logo contest? Something connected to community connection?
Cost \$25
Preorders only, so that no money is lost
Would need to find a printer for this.
Any money made with t-shirts to go toward Silver Lining Fund.
 - We could make a video for this
 - Incentives for joining MERID
 - Maybe 1 year a coffee mug
 - Two years a t-shirt
 - Three years a free workshop
 - Other ideas: reusable bag, etc.

- Should have a MERID table at the Hockey Game on March 11th.
Should have something to give away at table.
- Put on website, something about 'If you need us to sponsor an event, contact us.'
Should make a general MERID e-mail.
- 'Like' us on facebook
- Business Cards
- Work with MCD to educate people on how to use an interpreter
Police, hospitals, etc.
- INO
 - Activities were discussed such as the Pottery Place in Portland or Zumba, have an activity, something fun, not just a meeting in a restaurant.
 - Maybe there could be some sort of discount, people would pay for themselves, but maybe MERID can help.
- E-mails to Paddy Ladd regarding the Deafness Workshop have been unanswered, so we may try to get Genie Gertz in her place.
- Newsletter
 - Lyz will do an interview with Tracey Frederick
 - Kelly Fitzgerald will also write a short article.

Elections

Not addressed.

Announcements

None.

Upcoming Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting will be via phone conference, on February 16th, and will be set up by Regan. She will e-mail the board with details.

Adjournment

6:00 pm

Amy Dodge, Secretary