

RID Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2012
Thatcher's Restaurant, Windham

Roll Call

Tajaray Ferland, Grace Cooney, Evah Hellewell, Amy Dodge, Regan Thibodeau, Kelly Fitzgerald

Meeting Commenced

7:00

Financial Report

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| Current bank balance | \$21,054.06 |
| Paypal | <u>\$ 1,296.73</u> |
| Total: | \$22,350.79 |

New Business

1. Masquerade Ball and Workshop Cancelled
 - a. Due to only one deaf attendant, ball was cancelled. May try for something informal later on.
2. Finalize registration cost for June 16th
 - a. \$55 Including Lunch.
 - b. Add \$10 for CEU's
 - c. TajaRay will look into where to get lunch. Somewhere that can accommodate 35 people for around \$6 each.
 - d. Can sign up for membership to MERID at door
 - e. Members can get CEU's for free
3. Betsy Reifman Leadership Award
 - a. Two nominations: Ruth Vigna and Meryl Troop
 - b. \$250
4. Vote for thanking Romy Spitz for LTA
 - a. Approved - \$50
5. NIC materials: cost of materials and discuss to vote
6. Newsletter update
 - a. Haven't heard from Roseanne. We have a new person who would like to take over the newsletter, but we need to connect with Roseanne.
7. INO update
 - a. March 16th at Sebago Brewing Company
 - b. \$50 - \$75 paid by MERID for apps only
8. Tee shirt update
 - a. Open competition for design to both deaf and hearing community
 - b. Ask Meryl to post on her e-mail?
9. Website update
 - a. There is a new provider, and we currently can't access the website to make changes. Still working on transferring old website to new domain. This needs to be fixed so that people can renew their memberships online.
 - b. We should take a look at the RI RID website, they won an award for best

website of all chapters.

10. Update on Hearing Interpreters Support Group
 - a. A group for hearing interpreters where they can socialize without feeling pressured to sign and be judged. A place for support and healing.
 - b. Not something MERID is going to have it's name on
 - c. Not a part of INO, it's a different concept
11. What will MERID board help with in the planning of the Region 1 Conference this summer? Donation or investment of time?
 - a. Kelly and Evah are going to consider volunteering
12. Nominations for Positions this June
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Southern Rep
 - d. Northern Rep
 - i. Make Video
13. Gifts for new members depending on membership level:
 - a. Ideas:
 - i. 1 yr= sticker n free ceus
 - 2 yr= water bottle n free ceus
 - 3 yr= tee shirt n free cues
 - Sticker for the car
 - Magnet
 - Interpreter pin
 - Arm Band
 - Tote bag for 5 years
 - Blue ribbon to signify deafhood, deaf history, being a part of it as an interpreter.
14. Betsy Colonomos Workshop
 - a. Working on dates, June 29th doesn't work because that is the same weekend as the Region 1 Conference.
 - b. Maybe July 20/21 or end of August
15. Sex Workshop
 - a. TajaRay and Evah will work on this
16. Partnership with Deaf Blind ASB/NE DB Retreat/for interpreters to get CEU's and work on performance skills, and get deaf/blind interpreting practice.
 - a. TajaRay will work on this
 - b. Contact Judy
17. Deaf Film Festival
 - a. Need to have membership forms/cards ready/workshop forms/scholarship forms
 - b. Kelly and Evah are volunteering
 - c. Does MERID want to sponsor CEU's for interpreting at the festival?
 - d. Make chocolate pop ILY signs (Pat Renalla has a mold for that)
18. Brochure for MERID
 - a. Get your picture to Regan if you have not already done so

Upcoming Meeting Date and Location

Tuesday, April 10th at 5:00 pm
Fresh Batch
20 Bow Street
Freeport

Adjournment
8:30

Amy Dodge, Secretary