

Agenda December 8, 2024 VDAC Monthly Business Meeting

Minutes highlighted in pink

6-7 pm Pacific Time

Meeting ID: 862 9791 0268 Passcode: 06082024

- **Call to Order** by opening with the Serenity prayer.
 - Present: Brett, Cass, Kate, Jennifer, Alene, Christi, Jen, Tom D27 Access Chair, Beth
- **Temp Secretary Alene:** November Minutes **Approved**
 - **Review Minutes: Questions/corrections needed? Approve?**
- **Elected Officers Reports: Approve report?**
 - Treasurer: **Cass**
 - Treasurer Report
 - **1st Quarter - January, February, March monthly budget**
 - December bank balance divided by *9 months?* = monthly budget for quarter 1.
 - Monthly budget divided by \$65 = ? hours of interpretation per month for January, February & March.
 - *For quarter 1 we used 6 months instead of 9 months.*
 - \$2,782 divided by 6 months = \$463.66
 - \$463.66 divided by \$65 = 7 hours of interpretation per month.
 - Interpreter coordinator: **Christi's Report: Found interpreters for the business meeting requests for December. Asked about the process for adding more meetings.**
 - After group discussion the group conscience was to add more meetings to December.
 - Updated requests for December
 - 1 hour VDAC business meeting
 - 1 hour Vancouver Intergroup
 - 1 hour District 7 business meeting
 - 1.25 hours Cornerstone
 - 1 hour Blue Door
 - 1 hour SOS women's meeting.
 - Total = 6.25 hours
 - After group discussion the committee agreed on the number of meetings to be interpreted in **January, February and March.** (1st

Quarter) At March business meeting we will discuss budget for April, May & June.(2nd Quarter)

- 1 hour VDAC business meeting
- 2.50 hours Cornerstone
- 2 hours Blue Door
- 2 hours Kate
 - Total 7.50 hours
- The 3 deaf members making requests all wanted to attend a different meeting. So the group's conscience was to share the available hours/funding. They will work directly with Christi to select which dates to have interpreted. Christi will post the dates she was able to find interpreters on the website. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iQhE138gCQ3bM-9d76kkJSIwevZSmsry9R07ZH6pJjw/edit?usp=sharing>
- There was discussion about using Sorenson relay to save money.
 - It's very disruptive to the flow of the meeting to use Sorenson. Different interpreters logging in and out and the need to stop the meeting to set up tech each time.
 - Interpreters don't know the A.A. language/terminology This leads to misunderstandings.
- Webmaster: **Cass**
- Chairperson: **Brent**
- **Liaison reports:**
 - Vancouver Intergroup:
 - District 7 Report: Kate reported a challenging experience with a hearing member's audism behaviour and attitude toward Deaf A.A. members at the District 7 business meeting.
- **Elections: Anyone interested in the open service positions? [Service position descriptions.](#)**
 - Secretary & alt Secretary – OPEN:
 - **Jen is the new Secretary**
 - 7th Tradition/fundraising Chair - Open
 - Alt Interpreter coordinator - OPEN
 - Alt Chair – OPEN
- **Old Business:**
 - 7th Tradition fundraising - Jennifer asked for this topic

Call to Adjourn - Close meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement

AA Responsibility Statement: I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.