

MADC Zoom Meeting 4.25.2020.

Present: Jackie, John, Julie, Damon, Kelsey, and Karen

Absent: Fardowsa, Jason, and Emily

Meeting opened at 8:05 pm.

Jackie - shared concerns regarding communications with the community regarding to COVID-19 pandemic. Wants to share the updates, give the positive messages, and reach out to specific communities (DB, SC, etc) for any assistance they need during this time.

Clarification on the community notification - Jackie mentioned that she gets information about co-virus19 pandemic from NAD website and also sees this information on Facebook. Damon asked why not share with the community by using the information that was already sent out such as NAD, MNDCHH, etc. There was discussion with the concerns if sharing the same information would overwhelm people after constant exposure via media news and friends.

Jackie - suggested that we should set up some kind of volunteer program to bring food to certain people that are homebound. Jackie will share these ideas with resources via email. Mainly focus on the MN regional location only.

Ideas of the suggestions on how to connect with community:

- Chat line - for people to chat with through FB, email, VP, and other technologies.
- Damon suggested that we make a video of board members signing "We are in this together, how can we work together to help the community overall."
- Jackie suggested ideas such as food delivery, volunteering and resources to help each other.
- Townhall for ideas - John expresses some of the concerns that this may not be accessible to everyone such as Deafblind or senior citizens that do not have access to internet services during the social distancing order from the government.
- Jackie suggested purchasing essential supplies such as toilet papers, soap, etc. Then hand them out. There was some discussion about transportation and money as well time consuming for some of us. We had agreed to wait until we have more information on what the community needs and what is already available to justify. There are some resources already that we can refer to for the community's accessibility needs.
- John suggests adding a list of resources on websites and facebook. We have the list from Emily, and other resources want to be specific on MN locations such as counties resources.
- Idea of donating old iPads to homeless shelters for communication access.
- Email blast - vlog could be given to MCDHH to send out and people can respond. Need to gather information on what we can do to help. Such as which food shelves are accessible with what supplies. All of us will sign "we are in this together." Jackie will close out the vlog with "We are here together, what can the community do with us?" (Fardowsa will be asked if she wants a quote.)
- Jackie, Karen, and Kelsey will follow up with the Senior Citizens in the community with ideas to assist them and to start this project. Karen said that she will contact Deaf Senior Club to see what are the things they need for our help together to avoid isolating seniors out there.

- Damon shared that there is a virtual coffee chat for ASL teachers. Discussion of how we can use that same approach for those who need to talk. Kelsey shared about pcsforpeople.org - computers for low income. She will email this to us.
- Once we get the information, we can share specific resources such as what food shelves are open, etc for the state of MN.

Zoom account - Discussed about which email to have the zoom account under. It was explained that there is a concern of the account being under Jackie's minndeaf email since it was expected that it would be accessible to all board members to use. If Jackie as a president leaves MADDC, the Zoom account would be inaccessible since it is tied to her account. It was suggested that we can use a calendar to book meetings on the Zoom account to communicate for any board members to reserve. Jackie will change from her email to the board email. This was mentioned that in order to save money, only one shared account for Zoom.

Karen - 4th quarter report needs to be approved for taxes. CPA will be filling out the forms. The taxes are due by July 15th. We will approve this on May 16th board meeting.

Community meeting We may be using Zoom since we can use a chat forum and find the person to become a presenter when they want to share something. This will be on May 16th - board meeting at 10 am to 12 pm and community members will be 2 to 4 pm.

Meeting closes at 9:45 pm.