

Kansas Association of the Deaf Board Meeting
Olathe Club of the Deaf
April 16, 2019

I. Call to Order

President Lorrie Shank called the meeting in order at 6:25 pm.

II. Roll Call

Board Members:

President Lorrie Shank
Vice President LaDonna Snyder
Secretary Jennifer Carlino
Treasurer Amy Thompson
Youth Coordinator Angela Arnold
Appointed Board Member Kim Anderson
Appointed Board Member Pamela Siebert
2019 KAD Conference Committee

Absent: K-CAP Chair Scott Plummer
Visitors: Gina Swanson and Joy Alfred

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Pamela Siebert (Kim Anderson) moved to accept the January 19, 2019 Board Meeting minutes as read.

IV. Ratification of Emails Motions from Board members:

KAD-BD-17-30: Pamela Siebert (Kim Anderson) moved to sponsor the meals at Gallaudet Midwest Regional Academic Bowl taking place at Kansas School for the Deaf on February 14-17, 2019 for \$1,000.00 from line 10, "Youth Programs." **PASSED**

KAD-BD-17-31: Jennifer Carlino (LaDonna Snyder) moved that KAD donates a \$40.00 gift card from the Youth Fund to KSD's cheerleading team for the summer cheer camp. **PASSED**

KAD-BD-17-32: Kim Anderson (Pamela Siebert) moved that the KAD Board approves the letter for SB230 with awareness that it will have some additional minor editing before being sent. **PASSED**

Kim Anderson (LaDonna Snyder) ratified the email motions stated above. **PASSED**

V. Communications

- A. Thank-you letter from KSD for sponsoring Academic Bowl
- B. Genocide in the Deaf community - Raul Melgar
- C. Carah Berry, Financial Advisor - Edward Jones
- D. David Wilcox - Old KAD Publications in KSD Archives

VI. Reports of KAD Officers:

A. President's Report:

1. Midwest Regional Academic Bowl hosted by Gallaudet at KSD on February 15-16, 2019. I volunteered to help at the academic bowl and it was a rich experience to watch many youths competing for championship. KSD won 2nd place and will go to AB Nationals at Gallaudet April 12-14. There were signs posted in break rooms to show KAD sponsored the food/drinks.
2. Johnson County Mental Health Center - Pamela will give her report on JCMHC.
3. KCDHH - SB 230 Bill: Robert Cooper had a ZOOM conference call with Scott, Kim, Chriz Dally, Suzanne Dennis and myself. This bill seeks a clarity and reaffirmation of KCDHH's authority pertaining to interpreters and its role involving communication accessibility for all deaf and hard of hearing people in Kansas. We agreed that KAD writes a letter to senators showing KAD's support for this bill. Thanks to Pamela for writing the letter and will send letter once hearing is set for this bill.
4. KSD Advisory Council Meeting - I attended this meeting on April 1, 2019.
 - a. CEASD Accreditation - Good for 5 years and will end this fall. Collected surveys from council members, staffs and parents to share KSD's strengths and need to improve last fall.
 - b. Council members gave feedback on KSD's mission.
 - c. Language Assessment Program (LAP) - Angie Walker, Coordinator. Shared that they tested 20 children (0-3 years of ages) and 70% did not meet the language benchmarks. Kim will explain more as she's on the LAP Committee.
 - d. Blended Learning - Anthony Bishop (BL Teacher) showed how this program works with various age of Deaf/HH kids in school districts. Will need to hire more BL teachers in future once this program grows.
 - e. The American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) is a holistic language evaluation used to determine global ASL proficiency. The basic precept in this type of evaluation is to find out through a face-to-face interview what an individual can do with the target language at a given point in time. KSD wants to use

ASLPI but booked for spring time and is waiting to see if can use ASLPI in summer or fall.

5. Last Community Conversation: KAD and KAI/RID agreed to host this event to help improve relationships between Deaf and Interpreter communities in understanding issues that arise in the communities. "Advanced Ethics & Cultural Competency/Appropriation" was the topic on April 6th, 2019. Pam, Amy, and I attended the last community conversation. There was a discussion about continuing hosting the community conversation and will discuss with KAI-RID after KAD Conference in August.
6. KCAP - Attended the meetings on December 3, 2018 and January 7, 2019. KCAP Chair Scott or Pam will share information. Included about AA meetings in Olathe.
7. NAD Region II - ZOOM conference calls with Region II Representatives Linsay Darnall, Jr and Kevin Ryan on March 3, 2019. Illinois Assoc/Deaf had a booth at the EDHI in Indiana and many booths are based on medical (CI, etc) and many aren't signers. Need to expose about Deaf Culture and ASL. IAD suggested that MoAD and KAD partnered to have a booth at next EDHI in KC next year, and encourage deaf community to attend EDHI.
Another discussion was about number of delegates to NAD from each state - fair that some states have over 1K members while others have less than 30 members? Should limit to 2 to each state to be more fair?
8. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at the Capitol on March 6, 2019. Thanks to Kim Anderson for taking my place to set up a booth at the event which I couldn't attend.

B. Vice President's Report:

1. Showed up at Academic Bowl at Kansas School for the Deaf campus to introduce ourselves as KAD Board members.
2. Had a good pep talk with a future Youth Leadership camper who's getting ready to go to 2019 YLC.
3. Had a good conversation with Raul Melgar about his special interest.

C. Secretary's Report:

1. February 14-16, 2019 - I represented KAD along with other board members at Gallaudet Midwest Regional Academic Bowl at KSD. Also donated food and volunteered there. Awesome community and spirit!
2. Attended the DHH day with KSD students at the capitol in Topeka. It was a very enriching experience for KSD students to have met legislators and

house of representatives. They asked them very good questions (political stances on issues) and then gave them thank-you goodies.

D. Treasurer's Report:

11 new/renewal memberships from January to March 2019.

Paid Gallaudet University for Qlu'Quea Siffre's scholarship - \$1,500.00.

Paid MDHAC in Honor of Julie Theel, Boots & BBQ Un-Gala sponsorship, and annual membership in total of \$1,350.00.

Purchased more stamps at UPS for \$55.00.

Paid KSD Endowment with \$1,000.00 to sponsor their Gallaudet Academic Bowl.

Received \$24.19 from Facebook Giving Fund via Paypal.

Sponsored KSD Cheerleading Silent Auction of \$40.00.

KAD Budget as of March 31, 2019	
Checking Account	\$41,890.77
ZVRS - Special Fund	\$3,877.21
2019 Conference Fund	\$9,540.76
KAD's General Fund	\$28,472.80
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Budget Fund (as of March 2019)	\$8,989.61
	\$19,483.19
LaRosh (M.L. as of February 2019)	\$95,170.71
Merrill Lynch (as of February 2019)	\$50,212.15
Total of M.L. accounts	\$145,382.86
Total of General Fund	\$28,472.80
Total of Merrill Lynch accounts	\$145,382.86

Grand Total	\$173,855.66
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E. Youth Coordinator's Report: None

F. Appointed Board Member's Report (Kim Anderson):

1. Attended and manned the KAD booth for the Deaf Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 6th. Great crowd. Gallaudet President Bobbi Cordano was the keynote speaker utilizing livestream technology.

Appointed Board Member's Report (Pamela Siebert):

1. February 14-16, 2019 - Volunteered and represented KAD at Gallaudet University's Midwest Regional Academic Bowl at KSD
2. April 4 - Participated in Community Conversation: Advanced Ethics & Cultural Competency, a joint workshop between KAD/KAI
3. Drafted a letter in support of SB 230 - "Clarifying the authority of the KCDHH" for KAD
4. March 27 - Robert Cooper and I met with Tim DeWeese, JCMCH director to discuss changes and improvements that are needed to provide better services to Deaf Kansans.
 - a. We discussed about creating a new position (clinical psychologist) for deaf services. JCMCH will need KAD and KCDHH's help by attending the budget review hearing in later Spring to justify why we need this new position.
 - b. We also discussed about website updates and creating accessible vlogs. We hope to meet again in June.
 - c. Discuss: Tim has not replied to my follow-up email. The last remaining Deaf Service Team member has left. Clients are being served by hearing staff using interpreters.
 - d. Arkansas Mental Health bill for the deaf has passed. Would want to talk with KCDHH about drafting a new bill and to bring up this bill using same sponsors as SB230.
 - e. Direct communication access is vital for deaf clients who use sign language.

G. K-CAP Chair's Report: Absent

1. Robert and Pamela had a meeting with JCMH. Pamela will share it with you. We will need to prepare to attend to their budget meeting sometime in June.
2. AA/NA meetings seems not to do well. One source (Son of deaf dad) told me a few weeks ago.
3. Home Shelter in Olathe is currently closed due to the violation of codes. It is called "Project 1020." They had a good service. One deaf client moved to a new place on his own. See <https://www.project1020.com/>

4. We are still waiting for SB 230, clarifying KCDHH's authority.
5. We will have our final KCAP general meeting soon for the 2017-2019 cycle to set up a new priority for the 2019-2021 cycle.

H. 2019 Conference Committee's Report:

1. Conference Theme: "Lighting the Future" with logo of lantern with fireflies.
2. Flyer had been created with schedules, set up registration form and booth form.
3. Posted the flyer/registration and booth forms in Facebook and in newsletter.
4. Working on creating vlogs
5. Continue to have fundraising events:
 - a. April 13 - Dinner before Olingo
 - b. June 8 - Jennifer Tandoc - Zentangle/Wine-Cheese
 - c. June 29 - Cornhole Tournament
6. Next committee meeting - May 15th

VII. Reports of Affiliated Members:

1. Wichita Association of the Deaf (Wendy McGregor)
 - a. Continuing to fundraise. April 7th - Walk/Run event
 - b. Still selling popsockets
 - c. Still paying off the remaining bill from solar panels for its club.

VIII. Important Business to Decide: None

IX. Unfinished Business: None

X. New Business: None

XI. Upcoming Events/Meetings:

- A. KAD Conference Committee Meeting - May 15, 2019
- B. Jennifer Tandoc - Ink/Wine-Cheese - June 8, 2019
- C. CornHole Tournament - June 29, 2019
- D. Next Board meeting? - Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:00-8:00 pm at Pamela Siebert's residence

XII. Announcement(s): None

XIII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carlino
Secretary
Kansas Association of the Deaf