

Kansas Association of the Deaf Board Meeting  
ZOOM Conference (online meeting), Kansas  
September 17, 2017

1. Call to Order

President Lorrie Shank called the meeting in order at 5:01 pm.

2. Roll Call

President Lorrie Shank  
Vice President LaDonna Snyder  
Secretary Jennifer Carlino  
Treasurer Amy Thompson  
Youth Coordinator (vacant)  
Appointed Board Member Kim Anderson  
Appointed Board Member Pamela Siebert  
K-CAP Chair Scott Plummer  
2019 Conference Chairperson (vacant)

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Amy Thompson (LaDonna Snyder) moved to accept the August 13, 2017 Board Meeting minutes as read.

4. Communications

1. Thank-you letter from KSD Endowment for \$1,500 donation to Emery Center Outdoor Basketball Court.
2. Thank-you card from KAI-RID for KAD's service and support of the local community. KAI-RID wrote a check of \$50 (\$10 member and \$40 donation).
3. KSD/KSSB's invitation letter for KAD President to attend the stakeholders' meeting on October 23rd and 30th, 2017. The purpose of it is to gather input for long-range planning process (3 years). Kim Anderson will represent KAD.

5. Reports of KAD Officers:

1. President's Report:

1. August 18, 2017 - Scott Plummer, Kim Anderson and I met with Luanne Barron, KSD Interim Superintendent and Joan Macy, Outreach Coordinator along with a few other people to discuss about KSD's Outreach Program. We expressed our opinions about how the Outreach Program should improve.
2. August 30, 2017 - The K-CAP meeting was very productive. The committee agreed to set up a Town Hall meeting in terms of gathering information on VRI issues from the DHH community on October 21 at

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm at Olathe Club of the Deaf. Flyers have been distributed.

3. September 6, 2017 - Robert Cooper (KCDHH Executive Director) Tim Anderson of MidAmerica Alliances for Access, and I met with Johnson County Sheriff's Department for the purpose of strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and the deaf community.

A combined approach training is to be offered to both the community and the Officers, which looks very promising. This may include activities such as:

- Town Hall style meetings with OCD or other community groups
- Workshop style presentations from the Sheriff's Department during structured meetings such as KAD convention
- A review and update of any written internal protocols for the Sheriff's Department when encountering a Deaf community member.
- Development of video instructions that can be used during the booking process or other routine procedures
- Development of videos showing incidents as part of training to officers (ex: how do officer(s) approach a deaf person when pulling over for speeding).

Based on these items of the discussion, a follow-up meeting was requested to begin addressing and planning for:

1. 911 awareness training for the Deaf community regarding the capability for text-to-911 and dispatching procedures.
2. Developing a basic situation-specific sign communication training for officers and communication guidelines
3. Enhancing and improving the booking/in-take process to be used when a Deaf person is arrested.

4. September 13, 2017 - Attended KCDHHRN's Regroup Meeting at JCCC. The purpose of this meeting was to set up a group again as well as sharing resources with various organizations such as Mid-American Alliance for Access, Hamilton Relay, The Whole Person, KCDHH, JCCC, and interpreting agencies. We will meet monthly to set up a mission and provide instruction on how to share resources.
  - I also attended JCCC/KU Edwards Campus' Open House for the new ASL Studies for Interpreting Programs. The 4-year interpreting programs will start next year with a plethora of courses such as Deaf Studies, Deaf Culture, and etc.
5. September 15, 2017 - Attended my first meeting for Touch Signals (DeafBlind) conference, which will be in February 2018, with KSD (Joan Macy, Outreach Services), Helen Keller National Center at KSD (Beth

Jordan), KCDHH (Robert Cooper), and KAI-RID (Allison Gile). The presenters of Touch Signals will be Beth Jordan and Maricar Marquez (an assistant program coordinator for independent living at the Helen Keller National Center in Sands Point, N.Y.). We discussed about planning for the conference, and I'll assist Allison for creating flyers. They asked if KAD can sponsor airline fares (approximately less than \$800) for the NY presenter and two interpreters.

2. Vice President's Report:

No Report

3. Secretary's Report:

1. Prior to starting board and general meetings, I politely emphasize that all of you board members add your reports into your assigned folders in Google Drive instead of emailing me, so this way, it'd be much easier for me to locate your reports. If you need assistance, I am more than happy to give you instructions on how to use Google Drive and its features, especially Google Doc and Google Excel. Additionally, I strongly encourage you all to send your reports at least a couple of days before a meeting.
2. If you plan to deliver a motion, please have it written down on paper or send an email to me.

4. Treasurer's Report:

1. Wrote a check to Deaf Cultural Center for the Boots & BBQ Un-Gala event = \$500.00.
2. Wrote a check to KSD Endowment for \$1,500 – will be in September financial report.
3. Wrote a check to State Farm for fidelity bond for \$136.00 – will be in Sept financial report.
4. Received \$5,475.29 from KAD/KAI-RID's joint account and set up a new line at the bottom of the Budget Plan as '2019 Conference Fund.'

KAD Budget as of August 31, 2017

Checking Account - \$48,672.47

ZVRS Special Fund - \$6,683.09

2019 Conference Fund - \$5,475.29

KAD's General Fund - \$36,514.09

\$36,514.09 – General Fund

-\$17,973.49 – Budget Fund (As of August 31, 2017)

\$18,540.60

LaRosh (Merrill Lynch) \$86,491.97 (as of July 2017)

Merrill Lynch - \$49,703.52 (as of July 2017)

Total of M.L. Accounts - \$136,195.49

\$48,672.47 – General Fund  
+\$136,195.49 – Merrill Lynch accounts  
\$184,867.96 -Grand Total

5. Youth Coordinator (vacant)
6. Appointed Board Member Kim Anderson  
No Report
7. Appointed Board Member's Report (Pamela Siebert)
  - I have modified the 2015-2017 KAD Brochure to make it more current. Thanks to the team for feedback and to Lorrie for final modification based on the feedback, as I had just lost access to the Publisher software recently.
8. K-CAP Chair's Report:
  1. The meeting with KSD outreach director Joan Macy and interim superintendent Luanne Barron went well. They suggested us to have a monthly meeting.
  2. KSD has a new employment position called "Parent- to-Parent" Support Coordinator.
  3. VRI's town hall meeting will happen at OCD on October 21st at 1:00pm to 2:30pm
  4. EDHI's open letter is on hold. I want to allow the KCDHH commissioner, Robert Cooper, to have a dialogue first with Liz Abbey, the coordinator of Sound Beginnings under EHDH for Kansas.
9. 2019 Conference Chairperson (vacant)
6. Important Business to Decide:
  - Logo for t-shirt
  - Sponsor airfares for Touch Signal Conference (NY Presenter and two interpreters)
  - Youth Program Coordinator
  - Town Hall - VRI (October 21)
  - Jean Scammey's resignation letter
7. Unfinished Business:
  - Statewide Picnic (Ask Brenda Schartz and Mike Flickinger if interested to co-chair)
8. New Business:  
KAD-BD-17-14:

Amy Thompson (Jennifer Carlino) moves to accept Jean Scammey's resignation letter as Youth Program Coordinator. **PASSED.**

KAD-BD-17-15:

LaDonna Snyder (Scott Plummer) moves to sponsor approximately \$800 for airfares for Maricar Marquez and two interpreters from New York to attend Touch Signal Conference/Workshop on February 23-24, 2018 from the line of the Budget: ZVRS - Special Fund). **PASSED.**

9. Announcement(s) - None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carlino  
Secretary  
Kansas Association of the Deaf