

**Maryland Association of the Deaf
Board Meeting
Saturday, October 29, 2022
Walkersville Public Library**

Present: Kirsten Poston (President), Tina Joyner (Vice President), Jacob Leffler (Secretary), Marie Campbell (Treasurer), Vikki Porter (Board Member at Large), Tiasha Bera (General), Blaise Delahoussaye (DeafBlind), Angela Rogers (Youth), and Peter Un (Senior Citizens)

Absent: Toyin Fasakin (Board Member at Large)

President Kirsten Poston called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Previous Minutes

Marie Campbell moved that MDAD approves the minutes for August 20, 2022, as read.
Seconded by Tina Joyner
CARRIED

President's Report

President Poston reported that he had several meetings with the Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GODHH) and MDAD partnered with GODHH on two townhalls in September and early October. President Poston made a statement to the media regarding the murder of Mr. Javarick Gantt. She assisted the family with the interpreter arrangement for the funeral.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Tina Joyner reported that she has been with various committees such as LEAD-K, Conference Planning, and Hospital Project. She also is representing MDAD on the National Association of the Deaf Region 1 State Associations Day. They are planning the event on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jacob Leffler reported that he assisted to draft the letter to Governor candidates explaining our priorities and needs. He also encouraged the Board to use the Board and Community calendars and add any events there.

Treasurer's Report

As of September 30, 2022

Bank Account: \$49,358.76

Investment Accounts: \$88,874.29

Total Balance: \$138,223.05

Treasurer Marie Campbell reported that she sent a thank you letter to people who donated to MDAD. She is also still searching for 2 more people to serve on the Finance Committee.

Mandates Updates:

Maryland Sign Language Interpreter Licensure – Board Liaison Jacob Leffler reported that the team is still working with Senator King to resolve issues with the Chair of the Senate Education, Health, and Environment Committee.

Scholarship – Board Liaison Tina Joyner reported that she and Jacob Leffler met with the previous committee, and they said that they did the work on the guideline and is waiting on the Board to take an action.

End the Language Deprivation – Board Liaisons Tina Joyner and Jacob Leffler reported that LEAD-K Core Team met and sent a request for data to the Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland School for the Deaf, and Office of Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI).

Senior Issues – Board Liaison Peter Un reported that the next meeting for the taskforce is on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws – Penelope Miller is interested to be the chair of the committee.

Conference – Board Liaison Tina Joyner reported that she and the Conference Chair, Heidi Burghardt are working on finding the location for the conference.

EHDI – President Poston reported that MDAD Representative Thomas Horejes attended the meeting and asked MDAD to support him to go to the EHDI Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio on March 5-7, 2023.

Election – Allon Yomotov is interested to be the chair of the committee.

Employment – Board Liaison Kirsten Poston reported that she is working with GODHH to set up an Apprenticeship Workshop. She would like to look into statistics of deaf employments in the State of Maryland Government.

Hospitals – Board Liaison Tiasha Bera reported that she has been working on the project and developed the email template to the Hospital Administrators and is looking for the venue for the community to attend. President Poston mentioned that she will assist to develop questions.

Judiciary Taskforce – Vice President Joyner reported that the Taskforce is completed by the Judiciary folks and will keep Greg Hlibok on the list for the future needs.

Media – Board Liaison Jacob Leffler reported that the Media Team is revamping the MDAD website and is working on the newsletter. They also worked on the guideline and awaiting for the Board’s approval.

New Business:

Marie Campbell moved that MDAD funds the past and future townhalls with the Governor’s Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing for up to \$250 per event.

Seconded by Vikki Porter

CARRIED

Vikki Porter moved that MDAD funds up to \$800 for the web design and features per year on the top of current regular financial payments.

Seconded by Tiasha Bera

CARRIED

Jacob Leffler moved that MDAD appoints Penelope Miller as the Bylaws Committee Chair.

Seconded by Peter Un

CARRIED

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD appoints Allon Yomotov as the Elections Committee Chair.

Seconded by Jacob Leffler

CARRIED

Tiasha Bera moved that MDAD reimburses her for gas, mileages, and parking for the hospital project.

Seconded by Vikki Porter

Vikki Porter amended to remove “for gas, mileages, and parking for the hospital project” and insert “anyone who work on MDAD projects for transportation and logistics which is case by case.”

Seconded by Marie Campbell

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION: MDAD reimburses anyone who work on MDAD projects for transportation and logistics purpose which is case by case.

CARRIED

Jacob Leffler moved that MDAD approves the Media Guidelines.
Seconded by Marie Campbell
CARRIED

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD develops a factsheet for three organizations – MDAD, Maryland Deaf Senior Citizens, and Maryland Deaf Community Center.
Seconded by Tiasha Bera
CARRIED

Jacob Leffler moved that MDAD develops an electronic postcard for the legislators focusing on current bills in the 2023 Session.
Seconded by Tina Joyner
CARRIED

Kirsten Poston moved that MDAD reimburses the travel expenses for the interpreters.
Seconded by Vikki Porter
CARRIED

President Kirsten Poston adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jacob Leffler
Secretary