

**Maryland Association of the Deaf
Board Meeting
Saturday, August 20, 2022
Zoom**

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

Absent: None

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

Previous Minutes

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD approves the minutes for June 9, 2022, as read.
Seconded by Vikki Porter
CARRIED

President's Report

President Poston is looking into bringing ASL Trivia back like MDAD has held before the pandemic began. President Poston also met with the Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Director Kelby Brick to discuss resources that are available for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind community. She is thrilled to learn that the Maryland Deaf Community Center received \$2.5 million from the State. She looks forward to the partnership between MDAD and MDCC.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Tina Joyner reported that she has been working on the Committees for the organization and it is almost full with committee chairs and members.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jacob Leffler reported that he has organized the google drive and google folders and shared with the Board. Secretary Leffler also reported that the Media Committee is working on several things such as revamping the website, trying to set up the newsletter for MDAD, and to revisit our social media plan. The Media Committee is working on its guideline as well.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2022

Bank Account: \$51,013.56

Investment Accounts: \$93,343.03

Total Balance: \$144,356.59

Treasurer Marie Campbell reported that MDAD spent \$4,034.88 for the NAD Conference for 3 delegates. The 4th delegate is being paid by their workplace.

Mandates Updates:

Maryland Sign Language Interpreter Licensure – Board Liaison Jacob Leffler reported that the Interpreter Licensure Bill will be introduced in the 2023 Legislative Session. The Team plans to communicate with the community about the work and plan.

End the Language Deprivation – Tina Joyner and Jacob Leffler reported that LEAD-K Core Team has been formed and has met. They plan to submit a legislative bill in 2024.

Senior Issues – Board Liaison Peter Un reported that he met with the National Association of the Deaf, and Deaf Seniors of America to discuss the plan forward. Peter mentioned that he has specific people who he wants to serve on the committee. The goal is to have a Center Service for Deaf Seniors and that requires a legislative bill. Peter reported that he is on the Maryland Deaf Seniors Citizens (MDSC) Board as the liaison between MDAD and MDSC.

Old Business:

Town Hall – Toyin Fasakin and Vikki Porter reported that the first town hall will be in September 2022 in Baltimore City. They are in the discussion with the Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing to see if MDAD can co-host with them. Tiasha Bera, Angela Rogers, and Peter Un are supporting Toyin and Vikki.

DeafBlind – Blaise Delahoussaye reported that the official and correct word to refer DeafBlind is DeafBlind. He has been in discussion with Rachel Horwitz, DeafBlind VR Specialist in Towson about possibly of Co-Navigator training.

New Business:

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD appoints Heidi Burghardt as the 2023 MDAD Biennial State Conference.

Seconded by Marie Campbell

CARRIED

Jacob Leffler moved that MDAD appoints Bobby Harris as the Legislative Committee Chair.

Seconded by Vikki Porter

CARRIED

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD donates money to the Maryland School for the Deaf (Columbia) for their 50th Anniversary.

Seconded by Marie Campbell

Marie Campbell amended to insert \$1,500.

Seconded by Jacob Leffler

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION: MDAD donates \$1,500 to the Maryland School for the Deaf (Columbia) for their 50th Anniversary.

CARRIED

Jacob Leffler moved that MDAD to send a letter to all counties regarding the need of accessibility including interpreters, and captioning.

Seconded by Tiasha Bera

CARRIED

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD starts a fundraiser activity this year.

Seconded by Blaise Delahoussaye

CARRIED

President Kirsten Poston adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Jacob Leffler

Secretary