

**Madison City Disability Advocacy Board  
October 13, 2009**

**Board Members:**

**Present:** Claudia Rice, Beth Newlin, Deborah Underwood, Maria Kilgore, Toni Osani, Cana Farr, Mike Cassell, Jane Dow, Patricia Switzer

**Absent:** Kayla Beard

**Others:** Nicki Lowery

**Precedings:**

**Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Claudia Rice.**

**\*Treasurer Report:** Cana Farr gave a Treasure's Report. Beth Newlin and Claudia Rice had expenses reimbursed that need to be reflected accurately in the report. Claudia Rice also asked Cana Farr to separate the Hand-in-Hand Playground/Brick Sale monies from the rest of MCDAB's monies. Claudia Rice reminded the Board that Kayla Beard is responsible for maintaining all Hand-in-Hand Playground/brick sale information. Further, Hand-in-Hand Playground monies and brick sale monies are reported separately from the MCDAB treasurer report.

**\*Nicky Lowery:** Nicky Lowery introduced herself and stated her purpose for attending tonight's meeting was to ask about the special education process and that she had questions about the Needs Survey. The Board discussed that she needs to speak with Maria Kilgore and her office about educational issues. (Maria Kilgore spoke to Nicky briefly) Claudia Rice addressed her concerns about the Needs Survey, its purpose and goal.

**\*Web Site:** The Board discussed the MCDAB web site. Beth Newlin stated that Carey Brooks brought to her attention that our web site is not 508 compliant but with minor adjustments, it could be corrected. Beth Newlin is planning to consult with Kathy McQuitty and Carey Brooks for guidance. Beth Newlin also discussed showing Claudia Rice how to put items on the web calendar.

**\*Needs Survey:** The Board discussed a cut-off date for completing the Needs Survey. The Board agreed not to have a specific cut-off date at this time. Claudia Rice stated she felt confident we would reach our goal of 100 completed surveys by mid December. Nicky Lowery stated she felt the Needs Survey didn't address the needs of school-aged children. Claudia Rice went through the survey and clarified items of misunderstanding with Nicky Lowery.

Maria Kilgore brought up the issue of how we can distribute the survey within the local school system. Dr. Fowler has given permission for the Needs Survey to be posted on each school's individual Community Events link on their web

site. Maria Kilgore will approach Dr. Fowler again to try and obtain permission to deliver our Needs Survey to individual teachers and send home with individual special education students.

Patricia Switzer presented a letter she composed that would be an introduction to the Needs Survey and explain its purpose. Claudia Rice felt the letter was too long. Debra Underwood volunteered to tweak the letter to make it shorter.

Claudia Rice distributed a list of people who had completed the Needs Survey. Claudia Rice also reminded the Board of confidentiality regarding the survey. Board members left their initials beside persons on the list they felt they could encourage to complete a survey.

The Board also discussed distributing our temporary yellow MCDAB flyer. Claudia Rice distributed a sign-up sheet for the Board to volunteer to take the flyers and leave at various Madison City locations. Board Members are to email Claudia Rice each time we leave flyers at these various locations. Beth Newlin will produce additional temporary flyers for the Board.

**\*Committees:** Claudia Rice distributed a list of potential sub committees and the Board members noted their preferences and returned the lists to Claudia Rice.

**\*Brick Sales:** Claudia Rice distributed a photocopied email sent between Jane Dow and Steve Haraway. Jane Dow is asking Steve Haraway for clarification about the Board's continuing commitment regarding the Hand-in-Hand Playground. Mr. Haraway replies that the Board is under "no obligation to do any more than what has been done to date."

Claudia Rice gave Cana Farr a donated check for five thousand dollars from the Firefighters of Madison City. The donation is intended for the Hand-in-Hand Playground. The check is to be turned in to the City of Madison.

The Board voted and passed that we would cease brick sales, and, not accept or solicit donations for the Hand-in-Hand Playground effective December 31, 2009.

The Board discussed the need to create a Hand-in-Hand Playground committee with the goal of bringing the playground to completion in 2010. Claudia Rice will be the chairperson of this committee with Kayla Beard serving also on this committee.

Jane Dow submitted a proposal for the commemorative brick wall to be built at the Hand-in-Hand Playground and its cost and supplies needed to complete the job. The Board passed the proposal. Mike Cassell assured the Board that the workers constructing the wall are professional and qualified.

**\*Adjournment: Claudia Rice adjourned the MCDAB meeting at 8:15pm.**