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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Chris Balogh, Bryan Barry, Sandra Adams, Kathleen Sullivan, Annmarie McConville, Joe Petrini, Pat Delaney, Susan Adams

Commissioners Absent: Theresa Nevin

Others in Attendance: Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Review September 14, 2009 Minutes
Mr. Petrini made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14th. Dr. Barry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. Correspondence
There was no correspondence.
3. Chairman's Report
Chairman Petrini had nothing to report.
4. ADA Coordinator Bob Gualtieri's Report
Mr. Gualtieri was on vacation.
5. Committee Reports
6. Old Business
Disability Friendly Business Award: Dr. Barry submitted the award text to awards.com. He ordered two plaques and the total cost including shipment was \$123. These awards are going to the two Hamden Stop & Shop Stores and will be awarded on October 28th at the Chamber Awards dinner. Invitations to the dinner will be sent to the two store managers. There was discussion on how the dinner tickets will be paid for.

Mr. Petrini made a motion that the Commission will pay for the plaques and two tickets to the dinner. Mr. Balogh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Petrini and Dr. Barry both plan to attend the dinner at their own expense.

Ms. McConville mentioned that the flyers have gone out for the Autumn Fling. She suggested that five raffle prizes of \$10 gift cards be awarded. Raffle tickets will be given to attendees at the door. Commissioners will attend the dance and wear their yellow shirts. Susan Adams has raffle tickets.

Mr. Petrini made a motion that the Commission purchase five \$10 gift certificates from Stop & Shop to award for raffle prizes. Food for the dance will be purchased by Ms. McConville and Ms. Sullivan. There was discussion on the amount of pizza to purchase.

Ms. Delaney reported that the dates are reserved in April for the Disability Film Festival and for the Workshop. The down payment will be made when necessary funds are committed.

Mr. Petrini suggested the tag sale be held in the spring joining with a church tag sale. There was discussion on whether the Commission should ask for donations.

7. New Business

Dr. Barry suggested the Commission join the Chamber of Commerce. Businesses pay \$225 a year. Dr. Barry thinks he can get a reduction in the membership fee, and it would help get the Commission's name out there to the local businesses.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Petrini made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Delaney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk