



**Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness
Committee for Citizens with Disabilities**

Monday, November 28, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Donna Andrus, Lynette Fontenot, Zelig Guidry, Mark Guillory,
Donielle Watkins
Guests in Attendance: Diane Dodt-Gauthier, Debbie Aymond
LCG Staff Present: Carlee Alm-LaBar

1. Donielle Watkins called the meeting to order.
2. The committee approved the October minutes (Guidry made the motion, Guillory seconded, all in favor).

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

4. Disability Job Fair

Debbie Aymond provided the committee with an overview of the Disability Job Fair that was held on October 20, 2011 at the Heymann Performing Arts Center. It was the most successful yet with the following data:

- 46 businesses attended the Job Fair
- The speakers at the breakfast were very well-received.
- LEDA estimated more than 350 job seekers at the Job Fair.

The flow was better than last year with the additional space.

Debbie also reported that LRS is unsure if there will be a job fair in 2012 because the grant funding has ended; however the State has applied for additional funding.

5. Transportation Survey

The committee had a difficult time getting attendees to fill out the transportation survey at the job fair—primarily because the State was also asking attendees to fill out a transportation survey. There was some confusion and many thought they had already completed the survey.

Debbie and Zelig will try to get the results of the State survey. Zelig will bring the results of Lafayette's survey to the December meeting.

The committee discussed other ways to get the word out including a mail out or special event.

6. 2011 Awards Program

Tammy Richard has won the gold award for Educator of the Year for the State. The ceremony will be held December 13 at 10 a.m. (Breakfast from 8-10 a.m.) and committee members are invited to attend.

The committee also debriefed on the local event. Debbie Aymond sent pictures to the State and Donielle posted on Facebook. AOC did a taping and has aired it several times. Carlee Alm-LaBar thanked all the committee members for their assistance in ensuring a successful event. The following are some suggestions/changes/ideas for next year's job fair:

- Reserving tables for each winner next year
- Simplifying the nominations form while maintaining consistency with state forms (Alm-LaBar volunteered)
- Lynette Fontenot volunteered to speak again as well as Donielle Watkins said there is a man from Lake Charles who also expressed an interest in speaking but may charge
- Next year, Raising Cane's has agreed to donate more by partnering with more stores
- Continued use of outside judges as the committee thought that worked well

7. New Business

The Transition Agency Resource Fair will be held March 2, 2012. Debbie Aymond listed partner agencies and asked if there were any missing from the list. Donna Andrus suggested HUT.

Donielle Watkins spoke to Kiwanis of Lafayette and LCG Parks and Recreation, and they will be constructing a turf field at Beaulieu Park. DREAMS Foundation is also working on ideas of a 30 acre residential complex.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p. m. Donna Andrus made the motion, Mark Guillory seconded.
9. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, December 12, 2011, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.