



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

Monday, March 8, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Donna Andrus; Deborah Aymond; Jim Richard, Marcelle Pradier;
Peggy Stelly
Guests in Attendance: Mark Guillory
Staff Present: Lou Anna Angelle; Ben Berthelot; Bobby Cormier

1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. The February meeting minutes were approved with the following correction:
 - **Agency Resource Fair** - Deborah Aymond reminded the committee about the upcoming Agency Resource Fair to be held on February 12, 2010 at the Vermilion Conference Center for all Lafayette Parish High School Juniors and Seniors that receive Special Education Services.

3. PRESENTATION

Ben Berthelot was presented with a City-Parish President's Distinguished Citizen's Certificate and Key to the City for his liaison work with the committee. Thanks Ben for all that you have accomplished with the committee. Ben's replacement, Carlee Alm-LaBar, will be at the next meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Lou Anna Angelle provided the committee with an email from Brad Walker regarding his absences from the meetings. She also informed the committee of a meeting she and Bobby Cormier had with Anna Peeta and Richard Phelps regarding LA-AIRS. LA-AIRS is the acronym for the Louisiana Audio Information Reading Service, which will provide broadcasts of local and national newspaper, magazine, book, and special interest readings. Anna and Richard were looking for sponsorship with this endeavor.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Agency Resource Fair** - Deborah Aymond provided the committee with an update on the Agency Resource Fair that was held on February 12, 2010 at the Vermilion Conference Center for all Lafayette Parish High School Juniors and Seniors that receive Special Education Services. There were 32 teachers, 20 assistants, 3 interpreters, 1 nurse, 18 parents, 20 agencies, and 200 students that participated in this year's successful event. The committee is currently planning for next year's event.
- The committee discussed an adult resource fair.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Deborah Aymond informed the committee about the upcoming 2010 Family Forum that will be held on March 11, 2010 at the Southside Library, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The forum will feature two dynamic presenters who will talk about individual and behavioral techniques that can lead to more productive lives and stronger inclusive communities.
7. Peggy Stelly requested that someone from the Lafayette Parks Department attend the next meeting to discuss recreational programs for adult handicapped citizens.
 8. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.
 9. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, April 12, 2010, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.