



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

Monday, September 9, 2013

Meeting Minutes

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**Board Members Present:** Donna Andrus, Lynette Fontenot, Mark Guillory, Donielle Watkins  
**Guests in Attendance:** Randy Broussard, Dora Chandler, Denise Ferguson, Karen Juneau  
**Staff in Attendance:** Lou Anna Angelle

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**1. Donielle Watkins called the meeting to order.**

**2. Donielle introduced the guest speaker, Denise Ferguson – Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor for Lafayette Consolidated Government.**

Denise provided the committee with updates on several programs she has been working on. She is currently working on the following:

- Art Program – working with DREAM Foundation.
- Therapeutic Recreation Time (TR Time)
  - This class is held on the fourth Saturday of every month at Heymann Center, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  - Involves recreational games/sports and cooking.
  - Open to special needs individuals ages 13 and older
- Halloween Party – This event will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Water Aerobic – She mentioned the temperature of the water has been an issue for some of the participants.

Denise informed the committee that “Camp We Can Do” was very successful, even though, there was a decrease in participation due to the increase of cost.

**3. Minutes**

- A motion was made by Mark Guillory, seconded by Donna Andrus and unanimously approve.

**4. Correspondence**

- Letter from the Lafayette City-Parish Council's Office advising that Donna Andrus' term would be ending October 31, 2013. The Council is scheduled to make the appointment for her replacement on October 1, 2013. Donna has asked Karen Juneau to submit her resume.
- Deborah Aymond received an email from Kenneth Carmouche indicating he will have to resign from the committee due to his class schedule this semester.

**5. Old Business**

- Randy Broussard reminded the committee that the Disability Job Fair will be held on October 2, 2013 at the Heymann Center, 9:00 a.m. – noon.

- The next meeting will be held on September 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the LRS Office.

## **6. New Business**

- The Committee decided that we should have someone from Southwest Louisiana Independence Center (SLIC) provide the committee with information regarding their agency at the October meeting.
- The Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on October 17, 2013, at noon @ the Robicheaux Center. Lou Anna informed the committee that there was only one nomination form submitted. The committee members were encouraged to submit nominations.
- The State Gold Awards Ceremony will be held on November 6, 2013.
- Lou Anna Angelle notified the committee that several committee member's term would be ending on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Comments from the Public**

- There were no comments from the public.

## **8. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for October 14, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.