

NYCDAC Business Meeting Minutes - 11/15/2022

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- Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer
- Group introductions
 - Committee members - all present unless indicated otherwise
 - Andrew (Committee Chair) - they/them
 - Chris - he/him
 - Claire (Secretary) - she/her
 - Connie - they/them
 - John S - he/him
 - Jonathan - he/him (absent)
 - Lucy - she/her
 - Michael (Treasurer) - he/him
 - Paul - he/him
- Previous Biz meeting minutes accepted
- Andrew is finishing up the website
- Treasury report shared & accepted [will link]
- Old business:
 - Update on outreach in general/[NYC Metro RID](#). Establish a divide-and-conquer for the list of interpreters we can reach out to from the general RID website & add in pictures.
 - Status update/review of the outreach text
Proposed outreach text message copy:

Hi friend [insert name]!

I hope you are doing well. I know this is a long text - but I recently joined the newly formed NYC Deaf Access Committee, and we could use some support! If you are available to be of service, would you be willing to A) make the below announcement during the announcement time at any AA meetings you are going to in New York (and any boroughs)? AND/OR B) Attend your homegroup's business meeting and ask them if they'd be willing to make a monthly donation on an ongoing basis to the NYCDAC. Text me back if you want to go with option B and we can send you all the info you need to share.

Here's the announcement you can make at any meetings you go to:

Did you know that out of over 1200 in person meetings in the New York area, there are fewer than 5 that have ASL interpretation, as listed on the NY Intergroup website? District 602 in Manhattan recently set up the Deaf Access Fund as part of their focus on increasing accessibility. Donations to the Deaf Access Fund are used to provide interpreters to meetings throughout the New York City area. You can donate through Venmo @District602-A49. If you'd like more info you can go to their website [insert website] or come see me after the meeting and I can give you the info.

Bonus: if you're interested in doing even *more* service, send this text to some other fellows and ask them to also make the announcement at their meetings!

We will be printing out fliers in the near future & hope to distribute those as well.

THANK YOU for your service! 🙏

And let me know if you have any questions 😊

- Discussion of proposed text:
 - Shorten for brevity
 - Claire will edit & distribute the proposed text via email, motion made to approve by email within 24 hours
- Discuss findings so far (if any) on potential last-resort option for virtual interpreter/CART service substitute, etc - no updates as of YET but Claire & John will have an update with more info before the next biz mtg (Dec 20)
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Discuss plan for making NYCDAC announcements at meetings/increasing awareness and variety (Andrew)
 - Status update on the NYCDAC website (Andrew)
 - Document on how traditions support our efforts to request donations to NYCDAC - common responses to FAQs around the intersections of traditions and donations to this fund for increasing access/interpreters
 - Chris R will reach out to the three groups that have committed to having an interpreter about whether or not they will be updating that on the NYC Intergroup website.
 - John S will add pictures to the NYC Metro RID
 - Michael S and Connie will send out some emails to outreach to new interpreters
 - Other updates:
 - Andrew & Lucy went to midnite biz mtg, they brought up the topic of a monthly donation or if they'd be open to passing around the info card at their meetings to request donations, they will discuss at their next biz meeting
 - Andrew went to rainbow room biz meeting, they were receptive, donations will be discussed at december biz meeting
 - If there are other meetings we go to let's remember to bring up the request (eg perry street)
- Meeting closed with Responsibility statement: I am responsible – when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that: I am responsible