

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP DISABILITY FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd, 2023

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Mitchell Dunlin, Jessica Tucker, Stefan Mozer, Steven Anderson

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2022 MINUTES

Minutes are approved.

TRUSTEE AND CHAIR REPORT

Trustee Stefan Mozer

The board discussed the town meeting in April and finalized the budget. The annual town meeting is April 11th, and all are welcome to come. The food pantry has seen a large increase in use since the beginning of the pandemic.

Chair Dublin has no report.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Community Partnerships Coordinator Steve Anderson thanks the committee members for attending and for their service in helping with the funding process. He advised the committee that he plans to reduce the amount of paper used by the committees and to create a more digital, streamlined application process. That process like likely not result in many changes to the application itself, but the process of submission and review by the committees.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mitchell Dunlin- Center for Enriched Living

- We hired a licensed social worker in early March who will help start and grow our Robert Vihon Family Resource Center. This brings a new arm of programming for CEL to help address mental and behavioral needs for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.
- We hosted a Valentines Day Dance for CEL members which was a huge success with close to 150 members!
- Programs are growing and we are slowly hiring needed staff to help alleviate the waitlist for some of the programs. We are still looking to hire additional part-time and full-time program staff.
- CEL's Annual Chefs' Night will be Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lincolnshire Marriot. This is one of two fundraisers for CEL.
- We have a free community event happening on Saturday, June 10 (CEL's Annual Community Day). This is open to anyone in the community and is hosting at CEL.

Bridget Orth – Special Gifts Theatre

I attended both days of the Special Gifts Theatre performances of Seussical Jr. at Loyola Academy and it was a great success! There were over 100 new participants this year and I heard several parents comment that this was the best show yet! I think this new partnership with Loyola is very positive for the program.

Jessica Tucker went to the Special Gifts Theatre event at the Skokie School in Winnetka, and they did an excellent job with the production of Suessical Jr. Special Gifts Theatre continues to do great work in the community.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

This email from Brian Leverenz was presented to the committee:

“If I could make one suggestion about the committee process, that would make it easier on everyone, I would suggest the following. The committees don’t need to meet as often as they do. September is important as we receive and distribute proposals and set the fall schedule. We need two meetings in October for each committee to review the proposals and then 3 meetings in November for hearings for each committee. December is the Decision meeting. The committees take off January then February is an important meeting to review the funding letters and process. But the rest of the year the committees don’t have much to do unless they get a special assignment. It’s not necessary to meet as often. We take off July and August, but the March, May, and June meetings we just do liaison reports. Committee members could submit their liaison reports to staff (Steve) and he could distribute them via e-mail. Attendance at these spring meetings is usually poor and this would make things easier on everyone. Committee members would just be expected to make regular contact with their assigned agency. Gail, Steve, and committee chairs, what do you think? Obviously, if there was something pressing a meeting could be scheduled.”

Steve Anderson advised that in meetings with the other committees that both the time and frequency of meetings can be changed. The committee agreed with the idea of moving the meetings to 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM. This will be sent out to other committee members in the form of a poll to determine if that new time works for everyone else. The same poll will also ask members if in lieu of meeting during the summer months that bi-monthly liaison reports be submitted. There is still option of Zoom meetings and in person meetings should an occasion arise that requires the committee to meet. This will be in conjunction with calendar invites to future committee meetings.

#### ADJOURN

The Committee voted to adjourn at 8:48 P.M.