

Baltimore City Association of the Deaf
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 25, 2020
Zoom

Present: Jacob Leffler, Jason Begue (JB), Crystal Sisk, Deanna Tilden and Lee Meadows

President Jacob Leffler called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

President's Report:

Jacob continued to work on the forms for the organization. He also reported about the issue with the current mayor, Mayor Bernard "Jack" Young told the interpreter to stop interpreting while the protesters were chanting. BCAD decided to send a letter and 24 hours later, the Mayor apologized. The Mayor explained at the press conference reasons why he asked the interpreter to stop interpreting. The Community is not satisfied with the apology and would like to see the actions and commitments from the Mayor.

From that, BCAD got a lot of media attention and reporters contacted BCAD for their inputs/opinions. Reporters from Baltimore Sun, Baltimore Brew, and the Daily Moth contacted BCAD. BCAD also sent a follow-up letter re-emphasizing the request to meet, deaf people have a representation on the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities and have annual sensitive and accessible training.

Several organizations such as the Baltimore Black Deaf Advocates, Howard County Association for the Deaf, and the Maryland Association of the Deaf sent the letter in support of BCAD.

BCAD heard back from the Office of Equity and Civil Rights and asked BCAD to have a meeting and wants to work with BCAD to improve accessibility for the City.

Because of the situation, the email address was created - bcadeaf2020@gmail.com

Vice President's Report:

JB has been working on the introduction video and will work with Crystal and Lee to complete their video. JB continues to research the domain for the organization.

JB has been working with CorpsThat on their film event and a good number of people participated and raised awareness about BCAD.

JB was contacted by Centralized Interpreter Referral Service (CIRS), Dave Coyne about the event during the first week of May related to tele-health. BCAD is invited to be a moderator for the event.

Secretary's Report:

No Report.

Treasurer's Report:

Deanna presented her research on the bank that BCAD should open an account with. Deanna will call each bank and ask more questions to clarify. Deanna will add M&T Bank per Jacob's suggestion.

Deanna will pick the top three bank companies for BCAD and send them to the Board for the decision.

Unfinished Business:

Articles of Incorporation: It is done and will submit next week.

Bylaws: Jacob sent BCAD bylaws to Mr. Greg Hlibok and he provided some comments and edits.

New Business:

None

President Jacob Leffler adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Crystal Sisk

Secretary