

**Arizona Deaf Senior Citizens Coalition (ADSCC)  
General Meeting  
Apache ASL Trails Community Center  
February 4, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Leon at 10:01 am

**Quorum**

As more than twenty members were present, the quorum has been met

**Roll Call**

President Richard Leon, Secretary Julie Stylinski, Treasurer Harvey Goodstein, and Members Ron Rhodes and Linda Russel. Excused absence: Vice President Edmund Waterstreet

**Reading and Approval of January 8, 2022 General Meeting Minutes**

George Sierra moved to approve minutes of the January 11, 2020 General Meeting; Seconded and PASSED

**President Richard Leon's Report**

The Board met with Erich Schwenker about the property next door and sent a letter of intent to partner with CCM regarding the partnership; we hope to get a response from Erich this year

As there was no General meeting in 2021 due to COVID, Board members agreed to extend their 2-year terms until today; we will proceed with elections for eight positions today

Received a Thank you card from Nadene Neal of Apache Arizona Trails (AAT)

AAT residents recently had a Social Event meeting

Sent a letter to Erich Schwenker regarding ADSCC ending its management of the AAT bank account as Julie Stylinski will no longer continue as Social Director of AAT; AAT will establish and manage their own account; ADSCC will continue to send donations to AAT as funds are available

**Vice President Edmund Waterstreet's Report**

None

**Secretary Julie Stylinski's Report**

None

### **Treasurer Harvey Goodstein's Report**

Monthly financial reports have been audited by the Finance Committee

Funds in the investment accounts will be available to ADSCC in 2026.

Additional details are described in the PPM

Community distribution of funds were approved by the Board as follows:

Phoenix Association of the Deaf: \$1,000

Tucson Deaf Community Center: \$500

Valley Center of the Deaf: \$15,200 for AAT residents

Community Outreach Program for the Deaf: \$4,500

AAT Deaf Senior Social Club: \$2,500

AAT Social Director: \$900

The balance in the ADSCC accounts as of December 2022 is as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking Account: \$11,290.33

Wells Fargo Savings Account: \$15,207.15

Merrill Lynch Endowment Management Account: \$415,198.55

Desert Financial FCU Checking Account (for AAT residents): Closed

Desert Financial FCU Savings Account (for AAT residents): Closed

TOTAL CASH ASSETS \$441,721.20

Presented the proposed ADSCC budget for 2023

Donna Taylor moved to accept the 2023 ADSCC budget; Seconded and PASSED

### **Board Members' Reports**

#### **Linda Russell, AAT Manager:**

Will follow up with Erich Schwenker on Phase II for property next door

The AAT Deaf Senior Social Committee consists of Nadene Neal, Sue Schreiber, and George Sierra. They will create a residents account; Linda Russell and Harvey Goodstein will assist residents with the transition

#### **Social Director Report**

None

### **Community Reports**

**Sherri Collins, Executive Director of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH):**

**Senior Expo, 9 am to 1 pm, Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Ability 360;** Keynote speaker Dr. Jaime Wilson; additional information available next week via Facebook, Instagram, e-newsletter and on the ACDHH website; the event is free, and the general public will need to register

**Research/survey with Gallaudet University** to collect information on the needs of deaf senior citizens; the survey is expected to go out at the end of February or early March. Assistance is requested to share and encourage people to complete and submit the survey; ACDHH staff are available to assist in completing the survey in person or via Zoom or VP

**The “Age of Access” website** currently in development is designed to provide information about benefits, services, and resources available for seniors within Arizona and throughout the United States; topics include health, finance, housing, and legal rights

**Accessible Caregivers** – the ACDHH team will meet with leadership of the Arizona Caregiver Coalition within the next few weeks to discuss the need for accessible caregivers for our community

Any questions, reach out to Sherri or Kim Minard

### **Cindy Walsh, Valley Center of the Deaf (VCD):**

VCD served 72 people in fiscal year 2021/22

VCD collaborated with ACDHH and Bridgewater Assisted Living to create an assisted living environment for Deaf people in Phoenix; so far, there are 4 Deaf individuals in the facility and the hope is to expand to having a full wing of Deaf residents; we hope to establish a similar situation in Tucson

The Tempe Community Action Agency had a reduction in their funding, and has stopped funding of VCD’s shopping and food access program.

The things VCD has assisted Deaf seniors with include:

- Review of mail or email and recognizing spam or scams
- Completion of online tasks
- Completion of telephone calls
- Support Services in the home or the community
- Online or community shopping
- Acquiring food box or food pantry services
- Family engagements
- Resolving technical issues, e.g., computer, iPad, etc.
- Accessing various resources
- Life planning and insurance matters

## **Jose Vasquez, Community Outreach Program for the Deaf (COPD)**

COPD has provided services to 53 Deaf and Deaf-Blind senior citizens for advocacy, resources, case management, and counseling:

COPD provided services to assist in immigration, food boxes, Pima Council on Aging resources, etc.

COPD reopened the Tucson Deaf community Center (TDCC) in April 2022; Seniors meet there from September and into to summer; some ADSCC funding was utilized for TDCC utilities, etc.

COPD assisted three new seniors who moved to Tucson with resources related to housing, SSA benefits, and case management services

Additional COPD goals are to continue to provide services to Seniors at TDCC and through the Marist Foundation for Senior Living

## **Deb Stone, Phoenix Association of the Deaf**

PAD has enlarged the stage and added security cameras to the parking lot

PAD is also working on adding automatic door openers for the bathrooms, acquiring an Automatic External Defibrillator (ADE), adding ramps to the entrances, adding fire sprinklers, and improving outdoor landscaping

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Announcements**

None

### **Individuals Nominated for and Elected to Board Positions**

President: Richard Leon

Vice President: Harvey Goodstein

Secretary: William R. (Randy) Sergeant

Treasurer: Ron Rhodes

Board Members: Deborah Stone

Donna Taylor

George Sierra

Nadene Neal

All officers were sworn in by Secretary, Julie Stylinski

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Stylinski, Secretary