

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY  
DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING NOTES**

Date: December 5, 2023  
Location: Development Services Building, Room 107 A/B  
Recorder: Tracy Solomon, Prince William Area Agency on Aging

**BOARD MEMBER ATTENDING:**

Teresa Belcher, Gainesville District  
Karen Smith, Potomac District  
Mike Bizik, Occoquan District  
Gregory Powell, At-Large  
Sarah Pitkin, Coles District

- I. Call To Order Karen Smith, Chairperson
- II. Pledge of Allegiance Karen Smith, Chairperson
- III. Welcome & Introductions Karen Smith, Chairperson
- IV. Citizen's Time – Present: Carson Powell
  - a. Enjoys volunteering at the food pantry in Haymarket, although difficult to “find.”
- V. Review of Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes of 10.3.23 reviewed and approved.
- VI. Guest Speaker  
None
- VII. Old Business Karen Smith, Chairperson  
None
- VIII. New Business Karen Smith, Chairperson
  - a. Open discussion on brainstorming suggestions for speakers/topics for 2024.
  - b. Karen's staff to come to speak to group about SSI.
  - c. Suggestions on speakers-DSS, ARC, Clerk of Court, Sentara, DARS
- IX. Host Agency Updates Sarah Henry, Director
  - a. Discussed consensus on merging meeting times with the Commission on Aging.
  - b. Will draft an email, and send to Karen when the Health Aide position opens and Karen can share it accordingly.
  - c. Supervisor Franklin to host a Holiday Party at the WSC on Friday, December 8, 2023.
  - d. Discussions are still in the works on co-locating WSC with Potomac Library.
  - e. Closings of ADHC, and Senior Centers for week of Christmas.
- X. Member Time and Announcements

- a. Teresa Belcher – Shared seeing FB post about “A Night to Shine”. Will share info/link to register for anyone interested.
- b. Mike Bizik – mother passed 7/17, he was able to bury her next to her parents. Been campaigning and having some physical challenges.
- c. Sarah Pitkin – Didlake new CEO, Paul Gravley.
- d. Sarah Pitkin – ARC starting plans for 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration.
- e. Teresa Belcher-Brainstorming meeting, serving on outreach ministry for homeless. Wants to connect people on how to access benefits they need/qualify for.
- f. Sarah Pitkin-Most businesses do not own the parking lots, these are owned by the property landlords.
- g. Gregory Powell- Dr. Lowery’s office in Woodbridge does not have adequate handicap parking, spaces are not wide enough. His wife attends physical therapy at this location.
- h. Gregory Powell-People at PWC public schools don’t know about the DSB. Guidance counselors should be sharing with students/parents the existence of DSB, what benefits they could get from the group as well as connecting people with other resources within the County, how to “bridge” the communication between them.

XI. Adjournment                      8:42 p.m.    Karen Smith, Chairperson

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 5 County Complex Ct. room 207 A/B