

Commission on Disabilities

The Commission met on February 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center with the following members present: Lee Dzedulionis, Susan Rowe, Tink Martin and John Rodis.

Minutes from the December & January meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report: \$28,901 is currently in the Handicapped parking Fund.

Walk Winthrop – a new concept that is being talked about with a presentation given by Colby College of Landscape Design, recently. Lee attended the meeting and gave a brief overview of the project and locations.

The Museum of Fine Arts has tours for the low vision and blind as well as for the deaf and hard of hearing population.

Gerry gave a report on Comm. Of the Blind, Chairperson, Janet Lebreck and her recent meeting with the Low Vision support group here in Winthrop.

February is National Marfans Awareness month. John is holding a raffle to be held on Saturday, February 26th. He asked Lee to pull the winning tickets. Lee will check with WCAT to see if it could be recorded.

Gerry also gave an overview of a bill, now in the Senate (S445). This bill will allow blind and low vision people to be able to hear what medications and the suggested dose via an optical reader. He is also going to Washington to give testimony and suggest new bills for the RX program and to have Medicare pay for hearing aids.

There was a lengthy discussion on the new health care bill and it's ramifications for the elderly and disabled population.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 18th (depending on the weather).

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

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