# The Self Advocacy Federation (SAF)

# Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2017

1. Call to Order

Daisy called to order the regular general membership meeting of the Self Advocacy Federation at 3:57 pm on June 6, 2017 at Neighborhood Bridges 11311 106 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB.

1. Roll Call

Emily conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Amy Park (Learning and Planning Coordinator), Barb Oseemeemow, Daisy Stacey, Dan Atkinson, Emily Rypstra (Administrative Assistant), Keri McEachern (Ally of the SAF), Quinn Marcaccini and Tyler Morgans. The following persons were absent: Cassandra Ainslie, Cathy Monk, Florence Burton and Vickie Mancini (Ally of the SAF).

1. Updates from Members

The members of the SAF took turns talking about their week.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Emily read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Amy motioned to accept the minutes. Keri seconded the motion. **Approved**

1. Steering Committee Membership Discussion

The members of the SAF discussed keeping Tyler on as a Steering Committee member for another year due to drop in membership and Curtis resigning.

1. Signing Authority Discussion

The members of the SAF discussed assigning Christine, Sara or Vickie from Gateway Association as an ally of the SAF to sign cheques for the times when there are not enough signers present at a meeting.

1. Bill 205: Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act Inquiry

Amy talked about members from MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta) Sandra Jansen’s office who attended the Disability Action Hall’s 19th annual Speak Out called “Humanity and Me” on June 2, 2017 in Calgary. These members inquired about any comments, concerns and questions that attendees of the event had about Bill 205 and will be taking the information they gather back to Sandra.

1. Letter to Irfan Sabir

Amy read the letter she wrote to Irfan Sabir, Minister of Community and Social Services, about comments the SAF have on Bill 205. See the attached letter.

1. Bill 205: Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act Letter Writing Campaign Update

Amy read the letter she wrote for the members of the SAF to send to their MLA’s. The members of the SAF decided to sign the letter and send it to their MLA’s at the SAF’s next meeting. See the attached letter.

1. “Humanity and Me” – Speak Out 2017 Update

The Disability Action Hall had its 19th annual Speak Out called “Humanity and Me” on June 2, 2017 in Calgary. Amy, Daisy and Keri attended. See the attached event poster and information from the May 2, 2017 minutes for more details.

1. “Love and Sexual Health” Questionnaire

The members of the SAF talked about questions that could or should be added to the ‘Love and Sexual Health” questionnaire for frontline staff as part of the “Sexual Health” project.

1. New Website Update

Keri showed the members of the SAF the final draft of the new SAF website that Chris McBain (Ally of the SAF) made. [www.selfadvocacyfederation.ca](http://www.selfadvocacyfederation.ca)

1. Bring a Friend BBQ

The members of the SAF have decided to host a Bring a Friend BBQ on August 22, 2017.

1. March Year End Event

The members of the SAF talked about partnering up with the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts for a film fest and art show and gala as our March year end event.

1. Adjournment

Daisy adjourned the meeting at 5:19 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Emily

Minutes approved by: Keri