# The Self Advocacy Federation (SAF)

# Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2017

1. *Speechless*

The members of the SAF watched *Speechless* S1, E8 “R-a-y-c—Ray-Cation”.

1. Call to Order

Barb called to order the regular general membership meeting of the Self Advocacy Federation at 4:16 pm on May 30, 2017 at the SAF 106, 18304 105 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, Cassandra Ainslie, Dan Atkinson, Emily Rypstra (Administrative Assistant), Florence Burton, Keri McEachern (Ally of the SAF) and Quinn Marcaccini. The following persons were absent: Cathy Monk, Curtis Coenen (Not returning), Daisy Stacey, Tyler Morgans 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. Signing Authority Discussion

The members of the SAF discussed assigning an ally of the SAF to sign cheques for the times when there are not enough signers present at a meeting.

1. Albertans Advocating for Change Together (AACT) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Summary

Amy gave a summary of the AACT AGM which she, Daisy and Keri attended on May 25, 2017 in Red Deer, AB. See the filed AACT AGM minutes for more details.

1. Bill 2015: Advocates for Persons with Disabilities Act Update

Bill 205 passed the third and final reading on May 25, 2017. The SAF wants to be part of the interview process and the choosing of the advocate and for this reason the SAF will be starting a letter writing campaign. Amy will be writing a letter for the members of the SAF to send to their MLAs (Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta).

1. SAF Annual General Meeting (AGM) Discussion

The SAF had its AGM on May 23, 2017. The members of the SAF shared their thoughts about the AGM.

1. SAF Awareness Ideas Discussion

The members of the SAF discussed awareness ideas to help make the name of the SAF more known in the community, and as a result, hopefully grow a bigger membership.

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

The Disability Action Hall is having its 19th annual Speak Out called “Humanity and Me” on June 2, 2017 in Calgary, AB. Amy, Daisy and Keri will be attending. Barb can no longer attend. See the attached event poster and information from the May 2, 2017 minutes for more details.

1. Expressing Concerns

The members of the SAF took turns expressing their concerns about specific items that are currently bothering them.

1. Adjournment

Barb adjourned the meeting at 5:28 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Emily

Minutes approved by: Keri