

Volunteers Assisting the Disabled
Board Meeting
Minutes
April 24, 2019

Board Members: Present- Brandon Lesner, Linda Johnson, Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek, Carina Grennan, Mary Barry-Bodine, Sue Harris, Jay Lamky; Not Present- Keith Moss

VAD Members Present: Carol Calvert, Kenny Haran, Lorraine Haran, Jeremy Head, Jillian LaMothe, Ian McIlhargey, Jessica Parrish, Todd Nuppnau, Lynn Navarro, Erin Bodine, Pam Shroat

Guests: Kelly McIlhargey

Opening- The April 24, 2019 meeting of Volunteers Assisting the Disabled at Royal Oak Beaumont was called to order at 7:08pm by Brandon Lesner.

II. Previous minutes (Peach): The March 27, 2019 meeting minutes are not completed. They will be presented at the next board meeting.

III. Communications (Peach): Correspondence mailed out since the last board meeting.

A. Thank you cards/emails

1. An individual donated \$1,000 to VAD in honor of parents
2. The \$2,400 donation from Bishop Murphy K of C

B. Sunshine cards

1. Sympathy- Cindy Yotti's Mom, Mary Barry Bodine's brother and Lawrence Mitchell's Dad
2. Get well- Roger Hella's Dad and Jay Lamky (pneumonia)

IV. Financial Reports (Keith): Keith was not present to share the financial reports. He will bring to the next board meeting.

V. Old Business:

A. Chili Cook-Off

1. Event Chairs- Melissa and Kendra have volunteered to be co-chairs for this fundraiser.
2. Hosts- The Hella's are not hosting the chili cook-off this year. Having it at the Hella's was nice because it was a well-established location and there were very little expenses. We need help finding a new location so we can start planning. We'd like to find something free or low cost (\$500 or less) to rent.
3. Location-
 - a. Several factors need to be considered regarding the location: Is it central enough? Does it provide shelter, space and parking? There is liability consideration due to alcohol provided (or cash bar). Ticket price?
 - b. Several other locations were discussed including Detroit's Eastern Market, Brandon and Kendra's home, the Royal Oak Farmer's Market, Detroit Zoo, the Masonic Temple on Gratiot near 696 (Mary Barry-Bodine to look into) and the Bishop Murphy K of C (Brandon has a call in to Dennis Thomas), parks (but probably can't have alcohol), Binson's, Royal Oak Music Theater (Linda Johnson to look into), the Firehall Lions Club on Harsen's Island, and the Holly VFW (long drive).

4. Planning-We need to look into our previous sponsorships, donations and attendants list for preparation.

VI. Current Business:

A. Special Needs Committee (Linda): there has been no special needs requests submitted

B. Fundraisers

1. Port Huron Bowling Fundraiser- This Saturday, April 27th, there will a bowling fundraiser for VAD hosted by the Blue Water Parrothead Club (friends of Linda Johnson's). Ian, Melissa, Brandon and Kendra will be attending. It will be at the Bowladrome in Port Huron from 2-5pm. Check the VAD website for further details. Four people from this club attended the gala.

2. Warren Bowling Fundraiser- Dave Mazur, a VAD camp attendant, organize and conducted a bowling fundraiser last year. Brandon will reach out to him to see if he will be doing it this year as well.

C. VAD Camp 2019

1. Planning Meetings- Michael has not yet scheduled a camp planning meeting but due to all the sub-committees set up there will be less of a need for them. Possibly only one or two. He will get the word out on this.

2. Cabin/Partner Assignments- Jessica reported that the cabin/partner pairing assignment planning is underway. Carina provided a nice map of camp that will help in setting up cabins. Older rosters are needed to help assist in this planning. It is possible that these are in storage.

3. Procedures and Records- As discussed before it was re-iterated that we need to write out procedures and save paperwork so that future VAD members have that information to assist in planning for years to come.

4. Camp Paperwork- We were reminded to get our camp applications completed.

VII. New Business:

A. CPR/First Aid Certification: Jillian LaMothe shared that this training will be set up at the end of May or early June on a Friday night at Planet Rock. There are several people from VAD interested as well as staff from Planet Rock so cost should be low due to the applied group rate (probably \$35 per participant).

B. Eagles Club Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: The Mt. Clemens Eagles Club does several fundraisers annually and 2 or 3 of them benefit VAD. The next one will be a City Chicken Dinner on Monday, May 20th, starting at 5pm (until they run out of food) for \$8 a person. This is not open to the public but those associated with VAD are welcome.

C. Camp Cavell- Todd shared that there have been several improvements made to camp. The tennis courts are now lit, old vehicles have been removed off of the grounds, there are two updated and accessible bathrooms in Northwoods and the new maintenance guy seems very promising.

VIII. Closing: A motion was made at 7:47pm by Mary Barry-Bodine to close the meeting. Seconded by Linda Johnson.

The next board meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 (4th Wed. of the month) at 7:00pm at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek
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