

Volunteers Assisting the Disabled
Board Meeting
October 23, 2019
Minutes

Board Members: Present- Brandon Lesner, Linda Johnson, Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek, Carina Grennan, Jay Lamky Sue Harris, Brad Ross, Todd Nuppnau, Ian McIlhargey; Not Present- Keith Moss

VAD Members Present: Mary Barry-Bodine, David A. Bodine (Sr.), Carol Calvert, Mark Catanzaro, Kathy D'Angelo, Sheila Deklerk, Salma Essaili, Jillian LaMothe, Scott Lehmann, Michael Powell, Zachary Powell, Melissa Ross, Kendra Verran

Visitors: Gracie Ross, Donnie, Christina Noelle

I. Opening (Brandon)- The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Brandon Lesner.

II. Previous minutes (Peach): The August 28, 2019 minutes were reviewed. A change was needed. A motion was made by Carina to accept the minutes with the change, seconded by Todd Nuppnau, all ayes. Minutes approved.

III. Communications:

- A. Thank you's (Peach): Several "thank you's" for donations were sent out
- B. Sunshine Committee (Kathy): Kathy D'Angelo has offered to do the get well, sympathy and support cards from now on and she has sent many in the last few months. Thank you, Kathy!

IV. Financial Reports (Keith): Keith will present the financials at the next VAD board meeting.

V. Old Business:

- A. Chili Cook-Off
 - 1. The cook-off took place October 5th at the Roseville Masonic Temple and was a great success.
 - 2. Melissa chaired it and Kendra co-hosted.
 - 3. Melissa will bring the detailed sheet with the expenses and profit but told us that the event profited somewhere around \$9,000 or \$10,000
 - 4. Melissa thanked everyone who helped with the event and those who attended. And thank you to the Bodine's for finding us such a great venue AND at no cost.
 - 5. Notes for the 2020 Chili Cook-off
 - a. Melissa offered to chair the event again next year.
 - b. Maybe have it not be a 21-and-over even so that the whole family can attend.
 - c. Some expenses this year will not be needed for next year such as the decorations.
 - d. Let the DJ will be our entertainment again.
- B. Possibly Extending Camp- Additional day of camp, to be decided at closed meeting in Dec.

VI. Current Business:

- A. Special Needs Committee (Linda):
 - 1. Lawrence Mitchell. In hospital, needs batteries in wheelchair. Insurance won't cover as long as he is in a facility. Todd to confirm that Binsons donated.

2. Jay knows of a ramp that can be donated to VAD. Full size wooden. But we have nowhere to store it, so we'll have to pass.

VII. New Business:

A. Fundraising

1. Claire Erwin (Jed's sister) did a raised money on "Go Fund Me". Todd to work with her to figure out how to get the money that she's raised to VAD.

B. Thanksgiving dinner 2019- Sue Harris

1. The event will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak on Saturday, November 24, 2019.
2. Sue reports that a lot of turkeys have been donated, Carol is donating the paper products, but we still need monetary donations for shopping.
3. There is already enough kitchen help (around 10 people)
4. Set-up starts at noon, the doors open at 3, dinner is at 4 and we must be out by 7.
5. Please get the word out and encourage people to RSVP that they will attend.

C. Winter Gala-

1. Chose Feb 8th, 2020, because it's the best month to have it pricewise because of prom season although maybe we can shoot for March next time to avoid snow.
2. Consider a different location because plate goes up every year, or we must raise the ticket prices. \$60 a ticket.
3. Last year we had quite a few seats that didn't get used which means we paid for the dinner and it didn't get eaten. So, this year there is an option to check off "no tickets" for those sponsors who want to donate but not attend the event.
4. Sponsorship forms with levels listed are available.
5. Kendra could use donations for baskets (or cash to get items for baskets). She is planning for 25 baskets this year. Discussion about what baskets received the most tickets. Alcohol is a big draw. Get a lot of value back for those baskets
6. Planning again to use cards for a "door prize" in order to get contact information.
7. Please help to solicit gift cards from businesses. We have an official merchant letter for asking for donations for VAD.
8. Kathy, Todd, Melissa, Carina and Carol offered to be on the gala committee to help Kendra with the details.

D. Camp 2020

1. Camp Manager- The position of camp manager is open for anyone who would like to apply. Michael Powell has already put his name in. We will have a cut-off date around December for applicants and will let everyone know what that date is to give people plenty of time.
2. Staff- It's never too early to recruit for camp. Please share with others about camp.

VIII. Closing: A motion was made at 8:07pm by Linda to close the meeting. Seconded by Carina.

The next scheduled board meeting is Wednesday (4th Wed. of the month), January 22, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek
VAD Recording/Correspondence Secretary