

**Volunteers Assisting the Disabled  
Board Meeting  
Minutes  
June 23, 2021**

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

**VAD Members Present:** Barb Stein, Carol Calvert, Christina Noelle, Cindy Danner, Jessica Parrish, Jillian LaMothe, Kelly McIlhargey, Marcia Harris, Melissa Ross, Michael Powell, Zachary Powell

**I. Opening**- The meeting was called to order at 7ish PM by Brandon Lesner.

**II. Previous minutes (Peach)**: Brandon explained that Peach is not in attendance but will view the ZOOM meeting and record the minutes.

**III. Communications (Peach & Kathy D'Angelo)**: Peach and Kathy are not in attendance

- A. Thank yous- Brandon reported that Peach sent out several thank yous a few months back (some of which were overdue).
- B. Sunshine Cards- Todd (for Kathy)
  1. Kathy continues to send "Sunshine" cards for sympathy, get well, and support to those who need it.
  2. Todd asked if anyone is sick or otherwise needs a pick-me-up. Barb shared that Salma could use some cards of support to lift her spirits.

**IV. Financial Reports (Keith)**: Keith is not in attendance so the financials will be reported at the next meeting.

**V. Old Business**: None reported

**VI. Current Business**:

- A. Board Meetings- This is the second ZOOM VAD board meeting open to all. Attendance at the October 2019, January 2020, and the 2021 May, June, July and August's meetings will be counted toward the annual meeting. As mentioned, Peach will take minutes from the ZOOM meeting viewed later.
- B. VAD Virtual Camp 2021- Michael Powell reports on the status of camp.
  1. Participation-
    - a. Currently there are approximately 50 participants registered for virtual camp 2021.
    - b. There is a drop-in application for visitors who would like to participate which includes signing a consent agreement to follow our camp policies.
  2. Budget- The budget is estimated to be between \$1,600 and \$1,800.
  3. Camp Kits- Most camp kits will be mailed out but will be hand-delivered to save possibly \$150-175 on postage. Sue has the glowsticks, extra masks and sand from the beach at Camp Cavell. Sue explained that she has what she needs for arts and crafts, she is putting the boxes together and labeling things, hoping to get them mailed out by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  4. Euchre- A few things still need to be worked out for the euchre game.
  5. Overall- Michael reports that almost all schedules and events are set in place. There are a few folks that will be "overseeing" the activities/events (for example the Cabin Feud game).

C. VAD Camp 2022

1. Camp dates- Todd explained that camp is booked for July 24-29<sup>th</sup> and the contract has been sent from Cavell for which does not yet include the 3% increase to come.
2. Cost of camp- The cost of camp should be the same as previous years with a 3% increase. We do not have the information regarding what we paid Cavell for our last FULL "in person" camp and the last "in person" camp was half a week. We are guessing that the 3% increase will be approximately \$1,200. We need a 20% deposit to lock in the camp dates. Todd motioned to approve this payment, Carina seconded, no one opposed. Brandon will get with Keith to get that check out. Hope to see y'all at camp!

D. Insurance- Brandon brought up that the board's insurance policy is also due. He will get with Keith regarding renewing it.

E. City Chicken Fundraiser

1. Details- Todd shared that Sue G. from the Mt. Clemens Fraternal Order of Eagles is having another dinner at her club to benefit VAD. The date is Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Eagle's Club in Harrison Township. The details are available on the VAD Facebook site as well as the VAD webpage.
2. Volunteers Needed- Sue G. is asking for about 5 volunteers to help out in the kitchen, to run carry-outs out to cars and for clean-up. Todd and Carina have already volunteered to help. Kelly McIlhargey, Michael Powell and Jillian LaMothe will also try to attend.
3. Giving Back- Besides supporting Sue G. at the city chicken dinner she also has a cookbook for sale. Check it out on the VAD Facebook page and website. Please consider buying her book and/or sharing the flyer. A percentage of the sales will go to VAD.

F. VAD store- Brandon shared that the VAD store will remain open until the end of June. The information on this is on Facebook and also the VAD Cozy Corner. The way it works is that the cost of the shirts and printing needs to be covered before VAD starts to make a profit. We must sell about 25 items before the profit kicks in (and we may have bypassed that point already). The cost might seem high but that is because it is for a fundraiser and also because of the quality of the shirts. Please share with friends about this limited edition VAD wear.

**VII. New Business:** No new business to report

**VIII. Open Forum:**

- A. Praise and Appreciation- Cindy Danner said that it's good to see everyone's faces and that she is excited to know that the camp dates are set for VAD camp 2022. Also she had a lot of praise for the virtual camp that was done last year saying that it was absolutely outstanding, kudos to those who did it and that it was more than adequate substitute and exceeded her expectation. Heart and hugs to everyone.
- B. Annual Meeting 2021- Brandon explained that we are organizing for the annual meeting which includes electing the 2021-2022 VAD board. Linda is going to check to see if we can possibly use the Masonic Temple (where we had the last Chili Cook-off) for this meeting. Remember that attendance at these ZOOM meetings count as actual meeting attendance to go toward the September meeting.
- C. Thanksgiving Dinner 2021- Sue Harris is hoping that she will be hosting the VAD Thanksgiving dinner again this fall. Melissa Ross will check on whether we can still use the same location, the church that she and Brad attend.

- D. Chili Cook-off 2021- Todd asked if we should look into the possibility of having a chili cook-off this fall. Maybe at the same location, Masonic Temple in Roseville. Brandon said that he has some ideas and will check to see what the regulations, due to covid, there are for food service. Michael mentioned that it might be hard to get a location since so many weddings and other events were postponed last year and many people may be booking their event this year instead. Staffing may also be an issue when trying to find a venue. Two other location suggestions were the Mount Clemens Eagles Club or Camp Cavell.

**VIII. Closing:** A motion was made at 7:30ish by Todd Nuppnau to close the meeting. Seconded by Brad Ross.

The next ZOOM board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Please note that this meeting is a week earlier than normal due to camp.