

**Volunteers Assisting the Disabled
Board Meeting
Minutes
July 20, 2021**

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

VAD Members Present:

Angela Parsons, Carol Calvert, Cindy Danner, Danny Parsons, Erin Bodine, Jessica Parrish, Jillian LaMothe, Marcia Harris, Mary Barry-Bodine, Pam Shroat, Rohit Kapur, Rosie Whitcher, Scott Lehman

Visitors Present: Christina Noelle, Stacey Miller

I. Opening- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Linda Johnson.

II. Financial

- A. Financial Reports (Keith): Keith presented the May and June 2021 financials. Linda Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Todd Nupnau. All ayes.
- B. Missing Donation- Todd asked about the \$500 donation sent to VAD by a friend of Michael's through Paypay months ago that has not yet been found. Linda has looked into this and will contact Michael to ask if we can get a screen shot or the information on how or where the donation was sent.

III. Meeting Minutes (Peach):

- A. Recent Minutes- There have been three meetings (May and June 2021 as well as Jan. 2020 our last in-person meeting) in which the minutes have not been approved. Peach e-mailed them to the board members to review a few days ago so that we can approve or approve with changes. ZOOM does not allow us to see the minutes on the screen. All approved. These three meeting minutes will be posted to the VAD website within a few days.
- B. Past Minutes- There are also all of the 2019 meeting minutes that still need to be posted website. Peach will get this done before the next meeting.

IV. Communications (Peach & Kathy D'Angelo):

- A. Thank yous (Peach)-
 - 1. Jake Wedlick did a 24-hour streaming video game session fundraiser for VAD. He fundraised \$750 from this event.
 - 2. Janeen Moskal will need a thank you sent for running the VAD shop which will expect to raise approximately \$500 for VAD.
 - 3. A thank you will be needed for Sue at the Eagle's Club for the City Chicken Dinner fundraiser (mentioned later in the meeting).
- B. Sunshine Cards (Kathy)- Kathy not in attendance

V. VAD Virtual Camp 2021- Michael Powell/ Sue Harris

- A. Sue reports that most of the virtual camp kits have been mailed out and that people are signing up for activities
- B. A "visitor's pass" has been created but so far no one has responded to it.
- C. The total cost of virtual camp is \$1005.16.
- D. Todd will make sure that virtual camp gets linked to the VAD website.

VI. Camp 2022 (in-person):

- A. Dates- The dates for camp 2022 is July 24-29
- B. Vaccine Requirement- It has been decided by the entire medical staff that everyone who attends camp will be required to be fully covid vaccinated (with proof). There will be no exceptions and no debate. This information will be posted on the VAD website when the dates for camp are posted. Of course, this is based on what is known now. Information about the virus/vaccine may change between now and then. It was suggested that camp attendees have their vaccinations completed by April 2022 which should give everyone plenty of time to be ready for camp.
- C. Application Deadline- There will be a strict deadline for camp applications (including vaccine proof). Possibly June 1st, 2022.

VII. Old Business:

- A. VAD store- Todd shared that the VAD store products are on their way. So far this fundraiser has raised about \$500 for VAD. We may re-open the store possibly in the fall with the same products as an additional fundraiser.
- B. Camp deposit- Keith will be sending a check to Camp Cavell to cover the deposit for camp 2022 which costs approximately \$1,000.
- C. Website- Todd met with Chris West and explained to us the improvements that has been made to the VADcares website and what may be planned for the future. There is a popup for events and all the meeting minutes will be available soon. As far as photos, the website can only hold so many without an additional charge so we will have to create a Facebook page for archived photos. Todd will get with Kendra and McKenna regarding setting this up.
- D. City Chicken Dinner Fundraiser- Thank you Sue from the Mt. Clemens Eagle's Club for heading up yet another city chicken dinner fundraiser to benefit VAD. Thanks also to Todd, Carina and Ian for volunteering at the event and for the support of Danny and Angie Parsons who attended. The event raised around \$1,100.
- E. Chili Cook-off-
 - 1. Location- Todd asked Sue about us possibly using the Eagle's Club for our chili cook-off since they have a facility with tents and a big lawn out back. Or even the use of the Roseville/St. Clair Shores Eagles location. Sue will check for us. We could possibly have a cash bar or keep ticket prices the same and give tickets for drinks. Mary Barry checked with the Masonic Temple and all their dates are booked.
 - 2. Date- Maybe late September. Targeting for the last Saturday, the 25th.
 - 3. Event Chair(s)- Maybe Todd, Brad and Melissa, Kendra?

VIII. New Business:

- A. ZOOM meetings-
 - 1. Possibly the "New Normal"- A few people expressed that they like the ZOOM meetings and would like to keep them for our board meetings (with the only in-person meeting being the annual one). This might get more people involved especially due to problems such as transportation issues, bad weather causing cancellations, and social distancing. This is something that the next board will have to address.
 - 2. New Requirements- Two new requirements for future ZOOM meetings. In order for an attendee to have his/her attendance count toward the annual meeting an attendee has to be signed in (present) by quarter after the hour (7:15) and must be logged in (present) for at least half of the meeting.

- B. Annual Meeting-
1. Location- Our annual meeting, including the election for the 2021-2022 VAD board, will be in person. We will have the details as to where this will take place at the August meeting. We are currently looking for a convenient venue that will allow for social distancing. Todd asked Sue at the Eagle's Club if we can possibly use their establishment.
 2. Running for Election- Let Peach know if you want to be included on the election ballot. Please consider being a board member. We welcome new folks.
- C. Getting People Involved- There was some discussion as to how to get more campers and volunteers to attend camp. Todd would like to get a letter to the campers who graduated out of MDA camp in the last few years encouraging them to join us. The letter will be about how VAD is an adult-g geared, privately-funded, volunteer organization that holds a summer camp and that we need people to get involved, attend some events and come to the board meetings. He is going to contact someone at National to see if they can help by sending a letter that he will write which will include the VAD story and also the website and Facebook info.
- D. Possible Fundraiser- Linda mentioned that she knows about a fundraiser that can be hosted by a drag queen bingo group. We'd need to figure out the charge for entry and get advertising to get attendees. More details to follow.

IX. Comments:

- A. Possible T-shirt Design- Danny Parson mentioned that a fun camp shirt would be one that has all the different shirt prints over the years on it. Is it possible to find out where all these print designs are? No one knows.
- B. VAD Bylaws- Linda suggested that all VAD members read through the VAD bylaws, available on the VAD website (bottom of the Home page) so that everyone can be familiar with them.
- C. VAD Membership- We add new members once a year at the September meeting. We have a membership form to fill out for this purpose. Carina will turn the form into a Google document (form) so that we can send the link to it to our VAD email list.
- D. Board Change- Jay Lamky stepped down from Board January 25th, 2021 by an email to the board members. Peach asked that this is mentioned in the minutes so that the VAD membership is aware of this change in the board.

X. Closing: A motion was made at 8:03 by Linda to close the meeting. Seconded by Carina.

The next ZOOM board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 2021 (4th Wed. of the month) at 7:00pm. last meeting before annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek
VAD Recording/Correspondence Secretary