

Volunteers Assisting the Disabled
ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022

VAD Board Members Present: Todd Nuppau, Linda Johnson, Keith Moss, Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek, Carina Grennan, Sue Harris, Brad Ross, Jake Wedlick

VAD Members Present (first name order): Carol Calvert, Cindy Danner, Erin Bodine, Jay Lamky, Jillian LaMothe, Mary Barry-Bodine, Pam Shroat, Scott Lehman, Zachary Powell

I. Opening- The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Todd Nuppau.

II. Financial Reports (Treasurer):

- A. Keith presented the March 2022 financials. Once reviewed Peach made a motion to approve. Seconded by Linda Johnson. All ayes. Approved.
- B. Income- VAD members can easily help raise money for VAD. Two ways to do this are explained below. Please share the word with others.
 - 1. Kroger card- VAD has an account with Kroger plus card so that a person can sign up and register so that their purchases will benefit VAD. Sue will post the information about this on her Facebook site, Cozy Corner.
 - 2. Amazon Smile- Individuals can also sign on under Amazon.smile and set it up to benefit VAD. This can be done through the app also.

III. Meeting Minutes (Secretary): The March meeting minutes were pulled up on the screen for review. Keith Moss made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction. Seconded by Brad Ross. All ayes. Approved.

IV. Sunshine Cards (Kathy D'Angelo) and Health Updates:

- A. Kathy reported the sunshine cards that she sent out since the last meeting.
- B. Health Updates-
 - 1. Clarissa Squeo has been in the hospital for a while now. She is currently in the St. John Hospital Main in Detroit where she is being weaned off a trach and vent. At this time there is no address to send cards to her but please send her prayers.
 - 2. Jake, Chris West's camper, has been in the hospital for a month. Amanda has been in touch with him as has Todd and Rohit. He transferred to U of M today where they are better with MD patients.

V. Old Business:

- A. Consultant- Kendra will be updating the contract to reflect some of the concerns that the board had about it. Once Todd and Kendra sign the updated and approved contract Todd can get her the information she needs to start on grant proposals such as our budget. We have missed the first quarter of 2022 for grants. Todd explained that payments for Kendra's administrative work will be counted as fees; not as administrative fees. If Kendra does all the work she gets 15% of the funds she brings in and if she does admin work she would get an hourly fee.

- B. Gala- March 11, 2023. We are waiting on the new contract from the San Marino Club. The contact person will get in touch with Todd some time after camp. Then we can form a committee for this event and start selling tickets.
- C. Chili Cookoff-
1. Melissa Ross is the chair for this fundraiser.
 2. The venue will be the Eagles Club in Harrison Township. Susan G., who has done many chicken dinner fundraisers to benefit VAD, is the contact. Melissa and Todd will talk to the chairs at the Eagles regarding this event. This venue includes a large yard with an outdoor tent.
 3. This year alcohol will not be included in the price of the ticket, due to the club having their own liquor license, but the bar will be open for anyone who wants to purchase drinks.
 4. Despite drinks not being included the price of the tickets will remain the same due to inflation. \$25 per ticket and each ticket will automatically be entered into a raffle.
- D. Little Caesars Arena Raffle- Todd and Keith sold raffle tickets for the Wheelchair Hockey League (WCHL) at a Red Wings game and said that it was pretty easy to do. Volunteers are issued electronic devices and small credit card machines to sell the tickets. The prize winner gets 50% of what is collected, a charity sponsored by the Red Wings get a percentage and the WCHL will get 10%. Todd has VAD on the list for next season. When we get invited we will need to provide around 20 volunteers to sell tickets, some of whom will roam selling tickets and others will be stationary selling tickets on a platform.
- E. Parrothead Bowling Fundraiser (Linda Johnson)- This bowling fundraiser will take place Saturday, May 7th from 2-5pm. It is sponsored by the Parrotheads of Port Huron/Sanillac County which is an organization that does different fundraiser. They will take care of almost everything but they do ask that we provide several baskets for the raffle, that some of us attend to represent VAD and to spread the word to get tickets sold. Linda Johnson, who is the contact for this fundraiser will attend the event. She explained that members of the Parrothead Club volunteered for our Vegas night at camp as dealers. Keith, Melissa, Marie and Kathy volunteered to donate baskets. Brad and Melissa will be going and Scott Lehman and Zac Powell may also go.
- F. Storage inventory- Keith, Todd, Linda and Kelly have volunteered to inventory VAD's storage unit. The date is set for May 1st. We will meet nearby for breakfast at 10 am and then go to the storage unit which is near 23 mile and Gratiot. Sue has all of her arts and crafts bins numbered and labeled with what is in each bin which will be very helpful. Most of what is in the storage unit is taken to camp ever year but we are hoping to not take as much this year, especially due to camp probably being much smaller than usual. Cindy D. asked those who go to the unit to let her know how many Bingo prizes are there and also said that she will never say no to donated prizes for Bingo.
- G. Camp-
1. Applications/Expected Participants- Currently there are 14 volunteers (not all are attendants) as well as nine campers who have filled out their camp applications. We really need everyone who plans to attend camp to fill out their application even if, for instance, you are a camper who does not yet have an attendant set up for themselves. We need to know what to expect since this year will be so different due to covid and missing in-person camp for two years. Camp Cavell charges us per person so we need to know how many people are coming to let Cavell know.

2. Budget- The budget of \$40,000 has been approved although we may not need to use all of those funds depending on how big camp is this year.
3. Junior staff- If we have enough volunteers “of age” we may have to turn away “junior staff” that apply for camp.

VI. New Business:

- A. Special Needs Committee- A special needs request has been submitted. The special needs committee including Linda, Jillian, Mary Barry, Barb and Carina, will meet soon to make a determination regarding this request.
- B. Parents have contacted VAD about how to get monetary help, care facility referrals and social worker referrals and are upset that we do not do that. This is what MDA normally does but due to covid the communication from MDA, we have heard, has been poor. VAD is not a health care organization that recommends the kind of things that MDA does. If anyone asks we can refer them to their Medicare carrier for a list of resources as a start.

VII. Closing: A motion was made at 7:52pm by Keith to close the meeting. Seconded by Linda.

The next ZOOM board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00pm. At this time we are unsure whether we will have an in-person meeting as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita “Peach” Ptaszek
VAD Secretary