

Volunteers Assisting the Disabled

ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

VAD Board Members:

Present- Todd Nuppau, Keith Moss, Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek, Carina Grennan, Mary Barry-Bodine, Rohit Kapur

Present but Not on Camera- Sue Harris

Not Present- Brad Ross, Barb Stein

VAD Members Present- virtual (first name order): Jacquelyn Bodine, Jay Lamky, Pam Shroat, Rosie Whitcher-Appel

Present but Not on Camera- Carol Calvert, Kathy D'Angelo

Guest: (present) Eileen Reilly Ross

I. Opening- The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Todd Nuppau.

II. Financial Report (Treasurer)- The January 2023 financials were displayed on ZOOM for all attendees and Keith read them out loud. Carina made a motion to accept the financials, Todd seconded it. All ayes, financials approved.

III. Meeting Minutes (Secretary): The January 18th meeting minutes were displayed on ZOOM and reviewed. No changes were required. Keith made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carina. All ayes. Approved.

IV. Communications: Kathy reported get well and sympathy cards.

V. Old Business:

A. Superbowl Squares- \$1,500 donated to VAD.

1. Todd and Linda did a sheet of 100 \$10 squares so that VAD received \$500 and the other \$500 was given to the winners.

2. Roh did a sheet of 100 \$20 squares so that VAD received \$1,000 and the other \$1,000 was given to the winners.

B. Bylaws on Website- Sue recently checked our website and the bylaws have yet to be updated. Todd will contact Brad and Chris West tomorrow to get this completed.

C. Grants and Sponsorships- Kendra Kroll is working on getting sponsorships for the upcoming gala as well as waiting to hear back on the third and final quarter grant requests of 2023.

D. VAD Gala

1. Volunteers/Sign-up- Rosie shared that she set up a Sign-up Genius link for volunteers to sign-up to help at the gala. Most of the positions have been filled in. Just a few more are needed such as extra people to help relieve those who signed up for something to give them a break.

2. Decorations- Jacquelyn Bodine said that the decorations for the gala are well-underway such as the center pieces, pastel flower accents on tables and throughout the room, and the tablecloth colors. The raffle tables will also need to be covered.

3. Signs- Mary asked if we need anything for signs with directions/instructions on the raffles or anything else. The sponsors need to be displayed. Mary will get with Melissa regarding these. We can be there anytime from noon on to decorate/set up. It was decided that the set-up and decoration "crew" would meet there at 3pm.
4. Ticket Sales- To buy tickets go to the VAD website and click on gala to get tickets (be sure to fill out the order form). The maximum number of attendees we can have is 250. Our goal is to sell no less than 200 tickets for the event. Keith said that at this time there are 60 confirmed tickets sold and Mary says that she's counted 110 that have committed to attend so far. The cut-off date for ticket sales is February 28th (since we have to let the San Marino Club what our final number is then). This gives us only two weeks to get all our raffle items in and tickets sold. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Several people have individual tickets that they plan to sell before then and whole tables that they know will be attending.
5. Donations Still Needed- Several members shared what items or checks have been donated or will be donated. We still need more to make this event successful. Sponsorships, gift cards, getting the seats filled. Some ideas for those who want to contribute are:
 - a. a bottle or bottles of wine for the wine basket
 - b. certificate/gift cards for a dinner for two, a haircut, a massage, or theater tickets.
 - c. sporting event tickets
 - d. a bottle or two or three for the wheelbarrow of cheer.
 - e. If you know someone who owns a business, ask if they would be willing to sponsor.
- E. Video Projection- After some discussion it was decided that Todd will make arrangements to get the equipment (projector) needed, Roh and Carina will set up the slideshow itself and Peach will get a copy of the 2022 VAD camp slideshow from Kendra Verran.
- F. Spaghetti Dinner/ Euchre Tournament Fundraiser- Richard Greiner who is the father of a former MDA camper (who might become a VAD camper) will be having this event at the St. Clair Shores Eagles Club March 25th. Please see the two flyers posted on VAD's Facebook and website for details. Please attend if you can.

VI. New Business: No new business this month

VII. Closing: A motion was made to close the meeting by Todd, seconded by Rohit. Meeting closed at 8:16pm.

The next board meeting (virtual only) is planned for March 15, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek
VAD Secretary