

Volunteers Assisting the Disabled

Board Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2023

VAD Board Members:

In person: Todd Nuppnau, Brad Ross, Rohit Kapur, Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek, Sue Harris

On-Line (ZOOM): Barb Stein, Mary Barry-Bodine

Absent- Keith Moss, Carina Grennan

VAD Members (first name order):

Present (in person): Carol Calvert, Kathy D'Angelo, Melissa Ross

Present on-line (ZOOM): Brandi Hinson, Christina Noelle, Cindy Danner, Erica McGow, Gabe Abdelfattah, Salma Essaili, Zak Powell

Guest: Michael Avalos

I. Opening- The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Todd Nuppnau.

II. Financial Report (Treasurer)-

- A. Keith is not in attendance so the financial report is postponed until a later meeting.
- B. Funds donated to VAD in honor of Todd's dad and Judee Gniewek totaled approximately \$5,000.

III. Meeting Minutes (Secretary): The June 21, 2023 meeting minutes were distributed and displayed for review. No changes were needed. Barb made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Brad. All ayes. Approved.

IV. Communications: Kathy D'Angelo shared who she sent sunshine cards to since the last meeting.

V. New Business: No new business this month.

VI. Old Business:

A. Camp 2023

1. Budget- The budget for this year's camp is not yet available because we are waiting for the final bill from Cavell.
2. Overall- Todd said that camp went well and that we had few issues. The reviews of the surveys were helpful to find out what people liked or didn't like. They included a lot of positive notes and nice compliments (medical staff and activity staff did well). People seemed to like who they were paired up with. The new campers seemed to really enjoy camp.
3. Activities- According to the survey people liked the majority of the activities. Euchre in particular was a hit.
4. Food- There were issues with food (bad fries, overcooked vegan food and tots) and the food we bought being locked up when we needed to get to it.
5. Dance- We had to schedule the dance for Monday because our DJ was not available for Wednesday. A few folks mentioned that they want it back to Wednesday.
6. Suggestions- Some suggestions were to have an Uno tournament, scrapbooking, live band, caricature artist, and bowling,

B. Chili Cook-off 2023

1. Date/Times: Oct 14, 2023, starting at 3 and ending at 9. Those coming to set-up or competing in the cook-off should arrive at 2. Chili and raffle winners will be announced at 7. DJ stays until 9.
 2. Location: Masonic Temple on Gratiot. We've had it here before.
 3. This is a family event (attendees do not have to be 21 or older to attend).
 4. Tickets are \$25 at the door. Kids 12 and under are free. There will be plenty to eat including, of course, chili, desserts and side dishes.
 5. Chili competition- Winners will be determined by who has the most money in their "tip" jar.
 6. Volunteers needed- There will be a sign-up posted on-line soon for volunteers for various jobs (selling tickets at the door, set-up, clean-up, etc.).
 7. Needs- Please share the flyer from the VAD Cares website and encourage friends and family to attend. We also need participants to make the chili for the competition. And of course, as mentioned before, we need helpers.
- C. Annual meeting- September 20th, 7pm.
1. This meeting will be in-person only at the First Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak.
 2. We will go over last year's meeting minutes and financials and then have the election for the Board of Directors. We were reminded that to run for the board a member has to have attended at least 50% of the meetings and in order to vote a member has to have attended at least two meetings. Please ask Peach if you do not know your status or if you want to be on the election ballot.
- D. 2024 Spring Gala
1. Location- San Marino has significantly increased their cost per plate (from \$30 to \$65) so it is time to look at other venues. Todd has been comparing options and prices and has it narrowed down to San Marino, Villa Penna and Petruzzellos. While doing this he is also checking the difference in price if we were to upgrade to premium bar, better desserts, adding an additional hour, and having two meal choices instead of just one.
 2. Date- The date for this event will almost definitely be in March. We need to book soon before all the Saturdays are filled up.
 3. Ticket Price- The cost per plate has gone up significantly which unfortunately means that the gala ticket cost will also have to go up significantly. This is a fundraiser so we must cover the plate cost as well as all the other expenses for this event while still having money left over to fund VAD. This means that the gala tickets may have to be priced as high as \$100 in order to have a profit for this fundraiser. We do not want to break even or even lose money for VAD.
- E. Thanksgiving Dinner- This family-friendly social event is planned for Saturday, November 11th, at the First Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak. This is not definite since we need to find a person who is ServSafe certified in order to prepare food in their kitchen.

VII. Closing: A motion was made to close the meeting by Barb and Brad, seconded by Ro. Meeting closed at 8:19 pm.

Our next meeting will be in-person only on September 20th at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek
VAD Secretary