

Volunteers Assisting the Disabled
Board Meeting Minutes (virtual only)
February 28, 2024

VAD Board Members: Todd Nuppau, Brad Ross, Keith Moss, Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek, Carina Grennan, Mary Barry-Bodine, Rohit Kapur

Not on camera: Sue Harris

Not present: Barb Stein

VAD Members (first name order): Cindy Danner, Erica McGow, Jay Lamky, Megan Witcher, Melissa Ross, Rosie Witcher-Appel, Tracie Schrader

Visitor: Hannah Green

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

II. Financial Report (Treasurer): Financials for January 2024 were displayed for review and Keith read through them. Carina made a motion to accept the financials, supported by Todd. All ayes, financials approved.

III. Meeting Minutes (Secretary): The January 24, 2024 meeting minutes were distributed and displayed for review. One change/update was made. Keith made a motion to accept the minutes, supported by Carina. All ayes. Minutes approved.

IV. Communications: Todd shared that Lynn Kueppers is still battling cancer.

V. New Business: There was no new business discussed at this meeting.

VI. Old Business:

- A. **Game Night (social event)-** Rosie hosted a game night at her place of employment last Saturday. There were about 25 people in attendance. Pizza, pop and other snacks and beverages were available and several games were played. Thank you, Rosie, for making this happen and for those who attended and contributed to this social event.
- B. **Reaching Out Survey-** Sue, Barb and Carina created a survey intending to reach out to those who used to be involved with VAD as well as those who still are asking what they like about VAD, why they were involved, what might get them back involved, etc. The intention is to find out how to get more people involved with VAD so that we can continue doing what VAD does. Sue already posted the survey on her Facebook VAD page, the Cozy Corner. Todd explained that in Google form the survey has to have a return address that is a VAD address, vadcares.com, not a personal one. Todd will get the survey in this format so that it can be sent out to the VAD email list. Peach will compile a list of former VAD contacts for this survey to be sent to also.
- C. **VAD Camp 2024-** Camp applications will be available around April 1st. This will give everyone two months to get their application completed.

D. Fundraisers

1. Superbowl Squares (fundraiser)- The \$20 Superbowl squares done by Ro profited \$1,000 for VAD, Todd's \$10 squares profited \$500, and Michelle Haran did one that profited \$500 also.
2. Bartender Challenge- This fundraiser was run by Richard Greiner, Owen and Matthew's dad, at the Saint Clair Shores Eagles Club. Todd, Peach, Chris West and Matthew were all in attendance representing VAD. We will find out later how much money this event profited for VAD.
3. Euchre Tournament/Spaghetti Dinner- Richard is promoting another fundraiser for VAD next month at the same location. See the VAD website for details.
4. City Chicken Dinner Fundraiser- This dinner took place Monday also at the SCS Eagles Club. It is not advertised outside of the club because the chicken sells out so fast. Danny and Angie Parsons and Kathy D'Angelo attended the event representing VAD.
5. Spring Gala
 - a. Ticket sales- Todd shared that tickets sales are, of course, the main concern. Tickets can be purchased on-line but we need those purchasing to fill out the form including address, dietary needs, who you want to sit with, email etc. in its entirety. So far 125 tickets have been sold. Our goal is 250 to avoid paying an additional fee. Ideally, we'd like to sell 300 tickets for a sell-out.
 - b. Prizes/Donations- Kendra V. and Eileen have done most of the gift baskets. Carol has gotten over \$1,000 worth of gift cards. We still would like to get gift cards/certificates for outings (like Henry Ford) and sporting events, sports memorabilia and tickets, more wine bottles for the wine pull, and alcohol for the barrel of cheer. Of course, monetary donations can always be used to complete the raffle baskets.
 - c. Board Approval Needed- Brad motioned to approve that \$1,000 be used for the DJ and two bartenders, to complete baskets, fill the barrel of cheer, sponsor certain baskets and other anonymous expenses. Brad made a motion to approve, and Ro seconded it. All ayes. Approved.
 - d. A gala planning meeting will be taking place on-line directly after this board meeting. Those interested in helping with this event will stay on ZOOM once this meeting is dismissed.

VII. Closing: A motion was made to close the meeting by Peach, supported by Ro. Meeting closed at 7:36pm.

The next board meeting will be virtual only and is planned for March 27th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek
VAD Secretary