

Vermont Association of the Deaf
(Regular Board Meeting 6/17/2024 7:04 PM)

1. Board Members

PRESENT:

Rebecca Lalanne, President (RL)
John Pirone, Vice President (JP)
Valerie Hughes, Secretary (VH)
Allen Winfree, Treasurer (AW)
David Krueger, Past-President (DK)

Unable to attend: Jacob Veeder, MAL (JV) was present but had to leave immediately.

Quorum present? Yes

2. Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at (7:04 pm) by President Rebecca Lalanne
- Approved of the Minutes: April Minutes are accepted as read.

- **President's Report (RL) -**
 - I. H-630: An act relating to improving access to high-quality education through community collaboration: The bill was passed on June 10, 2024.
 - II. NAD Townhall meeting - One big topic is the federal legislation, Communications Video and Technology Act (CVTA). The NAD is working on the federal level and we need to get involved on the state level to advance the legislation. We need to find someone to represent us in this.
 - III. S-172: Education Bill of Rights for Children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind. The bill failed to advance in the legislative process. We need to revisit and find a way to advance the bill. We need more stories from people in Vermont to help strengthen the bill.
 - IV. NAD priorities - NAD has 14 priorities and asks delegates from each state to select the top five priorities. Our task is to determine which priorities should be among the top five so that Val, our delegate, can vote on them during the NAD biennial conference.
 - V. Adventures for Deaf community - There are events on June 27th, July 13th and August 6th. All of them have ASL interpreters. We need to let the community know about these events.
 - VI. Bylaws- JP raised a question about the old version of the VTAD bylaws, noting that it was not available on the VTAD website. Larry, the former secretary of VTAD, mentioned that it should be accessible on the VTAD website. However, it's nowhere to be found.

- VII. Mini Conferences - We should host a mini-conference on the border between VT and NH because we could attract more people to attend, especially Deaf youths. The conference could include workshops and general meetings.
- VIII. Vermont Disc Golf event - August 10th at Smugglers Notch and there will be Deaf Night Out after the event.
- IX. Social Media and Communication - We need a person to help handle social media and communication and we think that our member at large (MAL), who is Jacob, would be appropriate for this task given that his position represents members. We also need to set up an Instagram account. We have agreed to assign this task to our MAL.
- X. Bank - Given that we require to have two authorized people to access the VTAD's bank accounts, we currently have only one who is Allen.

Motion 6.17.24.01 - AW made a motion to add JP as a second authorized user and VH seconded it. All in favor - PASSED. JP abstained.

Vice President's Report - (JP) -

- I. JP will help and set up the folders in the google drive.

Treasurer's Report - (AW)

- I. Allen asks about mailbox and Val has not gotten the key yet but will get it.
- II. Budget report - VTAD got \$60 dollars in membership from Austine Alumni event on June 8th. AW wrote a check of \$200 for YHCF.
 - A. VTAD has \$2990 in the account.
 - B. YHCF has \$3730 minus \$200 so now it is \$3530 in the account

Secretary's Report - (VH)

- I. VH will upload the first meeting minutes to DeafVermont.com
- II. We will vote on the May meeting minutes in the next Board meeting.

Member at Large's Report - (JV) - none

Ex- Officio's Report - (DK) - none

Upcoming BOARD MEETING -

Monday July 22, 2024 at 7pm on the zoom.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business- none

Motion 6.17.24.02: RL moved to close the meeting, JP seconded. All in favor, PASSED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M.