

Vermont Association of the Deaf
(Regular Board Meeting 8/19/2024 @ 7PM)

1. Board Members

PRESENT:

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

Unable to attend:

Quorum present? Yes

2. Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at (7:04 pm) by President Rebecca Lalanne
- Approved of the Minutes: July meeting minutes are accepted as read. **Motion 082024:1** - JP moved to accept the July meeting minutes as read, seconded by AW. All in favor, PASSED.
- **President's Report (RL):**
 - I. Town Hall Meeting: We need to host a town hall meeting in October. The board agreed to host one on October 19th in either Bethel or Barre, depending on their space availability. DK and AW will reach out to see if space is available.
 - II. Fundraising: We need ideas for raising funds to support YHCF and VTAD. The board brainstormed the following ideas:
 - a. Events: VTAD could raise some funds by helping Brattleboro Deaf Club (BDC) with their annual events (Thanksgiving and St. Patrick's Day). RL will contact Mike and Mare who are in charge. VH suggested that the VTAD could host a picnic and charge an admission fee (\$2.00 off if one brings a potluck) just like the New Hampshire Association of the Deaf did. DK suggests that VTAD continues one of the annual events, Polar Plunge.

- b. Small grants: AW applies for a corporate grant in the amount of \$2,000. The final decision will be made in November or December.
- c. Donations: VTAD should reach out to local businesses like Hannaford's, Shaws, and Buffalo Wild Wings to see if they would make a donation like they did with other nonprofit organizations.

- **Vice President's Reports (JP) -**

1. Website: There is no update as the transition is still in progress.
2. The Memo of Understanding (MOU) agreement with Vancro for the YHCF funds: JP learned that the MOU between the VTAD and the Vancro, which was implemented a few years ago, did not have any signature. We need to update the MOU agreement by having both parties (VTAD and Vancro) formally sign it. RL and AW will bring the MOU agreement when they meet with the Vancro representatives.

- **Treasurer's Report (AW) -** AW reports that the YHCF account has a balance of \$418.00 and the VTAD account has a balance of \$3180.00. AW shared an exciting announcement as follows:

- o After AW and JV hosted a Deaf Night Out (DNO) at the Lawson's Brewery earlier this year, Lawson's Brewery contacted them about an idea - ASL on one of the beer cans. Some of the revenues from the cans being sold will be donated to VTAD. AW and JV are working closely with the brewery on the design of the can and the launch event, which will take place on September 21st. AW and JV will share the news/launch event with the community.

- **Secretary's Report (VH) -** none

- **Member At Large (JV) -** none

Upcoming BOARD MEETING:

Monday, September 9th at 7pm.

3. **Unfinished Business**

- None

4. **New Business**

- None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by