

Vermont Association for the Deaf (VTAD)

(Regular Board Meeting start 5/13/2024 7:02PM)

1. Board members

PRESENT:

Rebecca Lalanne , President (RL)

John Pirone, Vice-President (JP)

Allen Winfree, Treasurer (AW)

Valerie Hughes, Secretary (VH)

Jacob Veeder, Member At Large (JV)

David Krueger, Past President (DK)

Unable to attend:

Quorum Present? - Yes

2. Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by President Rebecca Lalanne.
- Approved of the Minutes: Tabled to the next meeting.

- President's Report (RL):

1. **VTRID** - There is no word about the BBQ event in Silver Lake. RL will reach out to them about it.
2. **VTDBHI+** - At the VTDBHI event, the Brattleboro Deaf Club made a profit of \$98.00 and donated \$50.00 to VTAD. The club is interested in doing more fundraisers with the VTAD in the future.
3. **NAD** - RL inquired about the expenses (flight, hotel, and registration) that VTAD should cover for VH who will attend the NAD conference as a delegate. VH has agreed to seek a roommate.
4. **Youth Kids** - RL wants to do something for our youth children that we have Deaf people out there that are doing different kinds of jobs and trying to host an event during the school year around September. We need to try to focus on youth and give them support. We could reach out to college recruits and we need to invest in this.

5. **Legislation** - RL mentioned that Bill of Rights for D/DB/HOH children is dead in the legislation. H.630 with Sherry Sousa is in progress in general. H.871 is in progress as well. Emergency communication is also in progress.
6. **Website** - RL inquired about the VTAD website. VH will reach out to Larry Daniels, a former secretary of VTAD, who handled the website. JV made a suggestion that the website includes a link for people who want to make a donation to YHCF since there is no link.

Vice President's report (JP) - none

Treasurer's report (AW) -

1. **VTDBHI+** - AW received some feedback from the community that VTAD should consider giving away free stuff.
2. **Balances** - The VTAD account has a balance of \$3200 and the YHCF account has a balance of \$3500.00
3. **Vermont DNO** - AW wanted to know who will be at DNO. VH and AW will make video for DNO. DK, AW, RL and VH will be at the event. JP is not sure. JV is not able to go.

Secretary's report (VH) - no report

Member at Large's report (JV) - no report

Past President's report (DK) -

1. **Press Conference** - DK is concerned with press conferences and the lack of coverage for Deaf people. These conferences do not have ASL interpreters. One particular situation is concerning in that during the Governor's State of the State Address, the interpreter was cut out. The cameraperson informed DK that it was the studio's decision to cut the interpreter out. There is an attitude that closed captioning is considered sufficient, but it is not. JP suggested for us to write a letter and get other organizations to get involved. DK also asked legislators to write a bill for ADA and the public's needs. RL and VH will reach out to local organizations for solutions.

Upcoming BOARD MEETING -

Monday June 10th at 7 pm via zoom and it will be open to the public.

Unfinished Business -

-none

New Business-

- VTAD covers Valerie Hughes's hotel and flight expenses for the NAD conference in Chicago.

Motion: 5.2024:3 RL moved that the VTAD will cover VH 's hotel and flight expenses for the NAD conference in Chicago, seconded by AW. All in favor, PASSED. VH abstained.

MOTION : 5.2024:4 - RL moved to close the meeting, seconded by JP. All in favor, PASSED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 PM.

Submitted by Valerie Hughes on 6/13/2024