

"With A Little Help...", Inc.  
Board Meeting  
Minutes from Sunday, September 9, 2012

Location: Jean Wiza's home, 7708 South 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Franklin, WI

Present: Erica Andres, Kelly Zolinski, Jean Wiza, Samantha Kostowicz, Scott Uhlman, Mary Kay Lee, Matt Hoehn, Jeff Martinkoski, Laura Kavalauskas, Linda Lee

Absent: Donna Palkowski (excused)

Guests: Bonnie Lindemann, Mike Zolinski, Viki Peer, Tom Downs

Meeting was called to order by at 12:40 p.m. by President Samantha Kostowicz

Request for additional agenda items made by Samantha, nothing additional added.

Motion to accept, approval of July 31, 2012 meeting minutes by Kelly Zolinski, second by Erica Andres

Review of Financial report by Treasurer Mary Kay Lee. Current net worth is \$63,836.25. Payment made to Easter Seals for 2012 summer camp in the amount of \$20,700. Compared to same period of 2011 our net worth was \$45,008 for an increase of \$18,000 over last year. Motion to accept, approval of Financial Report by Jean Wiza, second by Scott Uhlman.

**2012 – 2013 Board of Directors**

Sam welcomed new board members Matt Hoehn and Laura Kavalauskas. Expectations for all members were reviewed and included need for members to be present at all board meetings. Current bylaws state that three (3) excused absences are allowed. A review and clarification of this bylaw will be reviewed this year.

A review of entire membership list will be reviewed this year. Perhaps an "unsubscribe" option for emails and contacting those that have not provided email addresses to ensure they wish to continue to receive WALH correspondence.

**2012 Summer Camp Review**

Linda stated that two hospital beds went unused. A review of current policy on renting beds should be conducted.

Board members all thought there was more car traffic in the parking lot. Mostly occurring by members of Wawbeek staff. Sam will follow up with Carissa Miller from Camp Wawbeek.

Carissa contacted Linda to see if they could use Menomonee building for their staff. In lieu Carissa stated that Easter Seals would not charge WALH for our Saturday night arrival. Linda agreed to Carissa's request.

Linda also stated that she and Tom Downs had discussed the amount of members that had left camp with and without permission. Although this is reviewed at Orientation and we designate one person (Mary Kay Lee) as our "town run" person others continue to leave for one reason or another. This rule will be emphasized in the future with those involved.

Corvette rides were very popular this year. We celebrated the Corvette Clubs 30<sup>th</sup> year with us.

The quality of the food provided continues to be mentioned on surveys. Overall we felt that we provide some "off camp" options including the donation of Saturday night dinner by Mike and Kelly, cookout hamburgers and pizza at the dance. We also continue to receive many snacks for people to enjoy throughout the week. Again this year we should select the menu and communicate with Wawbeek kitchen staff.

It was also felt that there were a number of visitors this year. Some of these guests also brought food which would be ok if we had one designated visitors day but not continuous throughout the week. In the future we should consider bringing back "visitor's day" on Wednesday. Also, in order to avoid additional costs to WALH, unless special arrangements have been prior to camp overnight guests should not be allowed.

In future years we should consider using other areas of the Wawbeek grounds – potential cookout, camp fire or activity off the "hill" at other designated areas.

Saturday night arrival was popular and should continue but for those campers/volunteers not riding together there should be a change in arrival time --- volunteers at 3:00 p.m. to get set up and campers should plan on arriving at 5:00 p.m.

Joe Fortuna attempted arranging a sports program for two times during the week but they were not well attended. Perhaps the board should consider developing a budget for sports programs.

The Saturday night Orientation was helpful – if we decide to have it outside again we should consider using a mic/speaker so all can here. Some chose not attend – which should be addressed in the future.

Check in table was a good addition but more people should be assigned to give tours and direct new campers/volunteers.

Camp rules and additional activities schedule should be posted.

Samantha sent out a survey to all participants following camp. 64 were sent with 29 being returned. Some of the above comments/suggestions came from those responses. Sam will be sending out survey results to participants.

### **2013 Summer Camp Review**

Summer Camp 2013 dates are Saturday, July 27, 2013 through Friday, August 2, 2013. Sam has signed and returned contract and will provide Erica, Camp Coordinator, a copy.

Start thinking about themes/activities.

### **Logo Follow-up**

Order forms for new logoed merchandise were distributed at camp. A minimum of 24 items were needed to place an order. The minimum was not met so Linda returned payment to those that had paid for their order. We will consider making an order in the future.

### **Winter Camp**

Fall dates were not available for a weekend camp so we are planning on Friday, February 1 through Sunday, February 3 for a Winter Camp. (note that this is Super bowl Sunday)

Applications will be sent November 1 by Erica with a return date of December 1. There will be a camp fee of \$30 for all participants.

Start thinking about activities – Super bowl or Valentines theme.

### **Social Networking/Website**

Erica will follow up with Tom Ciufu on the use of an online application

Subscribing to web site revisions – Sam will follow up with Tom Ciufu to see if he has the ability to do this.

### **Recruitment Ideas**

Jean and Sam both have possible new campers

Work with MDA staff to place a brochure/flyer at the MDA Clinic at Froedert (Sam)

Article in Quest magazine (Scott)

MDA Newsletter (Sam & Linda)

Flyers to wheelchair repair companies (?)

MDA parent mailing list – Laura has a list that she will share. Important to connect with the parents.

Work with Shannon Cagney from MDA to reach out to new Kids Camp graduates. This should be held until new brochure is complete in late fall.

### **Fundraising**

Carrabba's Wine Tasting/Dinner/Silent Auction (Donna, Linda, Jean, Erica, Julie C., Mary Kay)

September 27 from 6 – 8 p.m.

To date 31 tickets have been sold

Candy bars (Donna) – no update

Shoe Sale (Karen Foxgrover)

Mary Kay gave update that we saw a profit of \$682 from their August 3 sale

Emil's Pizza (Joann Price) – no update

Mary Kay has provided Joann with some follow up from Emil's but she has not heard back yet.

Year Round Raffle (Mary Kay and Jeff)

Tickets are now available – new raffle will begin February 2013

Mary Kay will send email to organization

\$10 each

1,000 tickets to be sold

Bucky Books (Karen Foxgrover)

We have paid \$1,000 for 50 books. Karen will begin selling for \$35 each.

Boston Store Community Days books (Jean)

Sale dates are Friday & Saturday, November 9 & 10. Jean will pick up 100 books. Last year we had a profit of \$500. Mary Kay will add this sale to her email about raffle tickets.

Christmas Wreaths (Jean)

Last year we had a profit of \$178 with only a few people selling. After discussion it was decided not to continue with this fundraiser.

Candles, Gary Schwingle (Jean)

In our previous sale last year there was minimal support from the membership so we decided not to do it again this year. Jean will follow up with Gary.

Taste of Home cookie cookbook

Entertainment Books – Kim Whitmore has books at her home but her time is limited to coordinate. Linda will get books from Kim and sell. Mary Kay will add this to her email as well.

Restaurants (Erica)

- Quaker Steak – they have not followed up with Erica
- Buffalo Wild Wings – Matt Hoehn will follow up with Joe Fortuna and arrange for next spring
- Stir Crazy, Ruby Tuesday's, Mongolian Grill – Erica will follow up and select one for a November or December dinner/date/location

Matt Hoehn - will follow up with his church – they have a program that they donate ½ of their collection baskets to organizations.

IL Mito – Laura will look into a possible option for a future dinner/fundraiser

Plant Baskets – Laura has a contact at this mid Wisconsin grower. She will investigate their fundraising opportunities for next Spring.

### **Activities**

Holiday social to follow November 3 board meeting at Hans Christiansen's house in Johnson Creek.

June 2013 – social/picnic for current membership but also invite new MDA graduates. Laura will supply names off of her parent mailing list.

### **Newsletter**

Scott will have newsletter out by October 1. Please share any contributions with him asap.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

Saturday, November 3 @ 2 p.m., Hans Christiansen's house in Johnson Creek  
Holiday Social to follow

January 12, 2013, 1:00 p.m., Franklin Public Library

March 23, 2013, 1:00 p.m., Zolinski's home, Cottage Grove

May 4, 1:00 p.m., location tbd

June 22, 1:00 p.m., location tbd, picnic?

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 by President Samantha Kostowicz. Motion to accept by Scott Uhlman, second by Erica Andres

9/9/12 WALH meeting minutes submitted by:

Linda Lee, Secretary

9/16/12