

VHA Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
Lake Miona Recreation Center 1:00 PM April 22, 2021

Board Members - Present: Karl Arps, Fred Briggs, John Conboy, Russ D’Emidio, Peter Moeller, Steve Printz, Peter Russell, Diane Spencer, Phil Walker, Chuck Wildzunas

Board Members - Absent: Vivian Stephens,

Invited Attendees: Joan Sullivan - VHA Secretary

Call to order: President Phil Walker called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Phil asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Phil asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the March 25, 2021 meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Conboy referred members to the financials attached to this meeting’s agenda. Included with the March reports are a quarterly narrative and a page with two quarterly charts. Top half is a bar chart of “Income” (green) and “Expense by Month” (red) and bottom half a pie chart of “Expense Summary.”

Q. Why are “Donations and Contributions” close to 60%?

A. Money was used to purchase the van requested by VHA Helping Hands (HH).

Phil reminded members that the Membership Report is sent each month following the Senior Staff (SS) / Advisory Board (AB) meeting. Currently all credit card transactions for new and renewed memberships are made through the VHA website.

Old Business

VHA Town Hall Meeting Update: Phil explained that questions for the April VHA Town Hall were received after a “Blast” was sent to membership. Over 80 questions were reviewed. Many were answered directly and the others were sent to the Partners for the Town Hall meeting. Questions about Sumter County were sent to Bradley Arnold - Sumter County Administrator. The Town Hall Q & A will be published in the Voice and inserted into the May 5, 2021 issue of The Daily Sun.

Q. Will the Town Hall Q & A be posted on the VHA website?

A. Yes, close to the date it is published.

Q. Are there FAQs for Town Hall on the website?

A. No, but this is a good suggestion that will need to include the date of responses because changes in procedures create changes in responses.

Q. Is there a “Search” section for Q & A?

A. Not yet.

Note: Voice issues are held on the website for a year.

Phil stated Doug Smiley - Tangent Media will hold a training session for selected volunteers to learn how to use the back-end office features. Date TBD,

VHA New Resident Night (NRN) Update: Phil: While planning this first New Resident Night since Covid-19 caused the closing of recreation centers, there had been concern that people may still be reluctant to attend meetings. A total of 220 guests proved otherwise. Some key agencies are still reluctant to send representatives: Clerk of the Court, District Office, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector. In place of representatives, handouts were available for guests to receive information and contact details for many of the agencies.

Suggestion: Collect email address of guests to follow up after NRN to provide meeting information and promote VHA.

Q. What is happening with current VHA Committees?

A. A VHA Volunteer Social is planned for 1:00 PM July 21st in La Hacienda Recreation Center as VHA is beginning to move forward as Covid guidelines are being relaxed. VHA Officers, Neighborhood Representatives (NR), VHA Volunteers and those interested in becoming involved will be invited.

Q. Is a Leadership Committee working with committee leaders?

A. The Communication Director will be meeting with a SCORE representative to discuss possibilities.

Q. Do Vice Presidents lead committees?

A. No, VPs need training as VHA moves forward.

Q. Where are NRs listed? They are not on the website.

A. Goals of the July Social include confirming NRs' willingness to continue, discuss ways they can assist the VHA and recruit more NRs and Volunteers.

New Business

Resolution Document: Phil referred to the Resolution Document sent with the agenda. This is an action statement dissolving the VHA Community Foundation (CF) Board. CF is aware of the action and reviewing how to fit into the VHA. The Community Foundation will become a committee of the VHA and continue with their current philanthropic projects. Duane Johnson former CF President resigned April 8, 2021 having planned to resign December 31, 2021. Before resigning, Duane stated he was in favor of the action. Duane's decision to resign earlier was unrelated to the action. Note: HH's structure remains as it is.

Q. CF was in charge of funding projects and investments. Who will be responsible when CF becomes a committee of VHA?

A. Two committees will be formed for those purposes.

Q. Have those committees been established?

A. No. Charters are being prepared and members need to be appointed.

Note: The VHA President is a representative of the VHA "Sole Member."

Resolution Vote: Motion made to approve the Resolution Document, seconded and approved unanimously.

Voice: Phil: The May issue of the Voice will include the April Town Hall Q & A. It will also promote the May 27, 2021 BINGO in Rohan Recreation Center at 6:30 PM.

The June issue of the Voice will be inserted in the Daily Sun on the first Monday of the month when few to no inserts are placed. An ad will direct readers to look for the Voice supplement.

Promoting the VHA Handout: Phil: Earlier this month members received a copy of the revised VHA handout. The PDF page contains two half page copies of the handout. Members may use the handout when promoting VHA among neighbors and residents.

Members Comments

Sumter County Budget Vote: Q. Does the VHA have a date for Bradley Arnold to review the Sumter County Budget with membership?

A. Not yet?

CDD 7: Discussion included decisions made by CDD 7 Supervisors and how they may impact residents.

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Sullivan

Next Board Meeting: THURSDAY May 27, 2021 Lake Miona Rec Center – Resolute Room