



DHHSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2022

7:00 PM

- I. Call to Order –
 - A. Starting time: 7:01 PM
 - B. Board members present: Steve Longo, Nicole Hurt, Jessica Lozano-Delgado, and Jaime Johnson-Clay
- II. Approval of Agenda Items
 - A. Motion to approve the agenda: Carried
 - B. Need to create an addendum to the agenda to show a new board member elections.
- III. Approval of December Board minutes
 - A. Motion to approve the December Board minutes: Carried
- IV. President's Report – Steve Longo
 - A. See the attachment
- V. Vice President's Report – Nicole Hurt
 - A. See the attachment
- VI. Interim Secretary's Report – Nicole Hurt
 - A. See the attachment
- VII. Interim Treasurer's report – Steve Longo
 - A. See the attachment
- VIII. Executive Director's report – Michelle Bronson
 - A. See the attachment
- IX. Fundraising report – none
- X. General Board comments
 - A. Michelle Bronson was asked to explain how the community can put in a request to set up their booth for Valley Deaf Festival. Shelley Stout has a list of past and current VDF vendors and the booth information forms will be posted on the website. Vendors can pay online or send DHHSC a check.
 - B. Details for the planning of our Martha's Vineyard in the Valley event are still undecided due to COVID-19. Hosting an event at the park was one idea.

Another idea is hosting the event in both the DHHSC's community room and parking lot. The discussion is ongoing with staff, who meet on Fridays for event planning sessions. Once the details are finalized, information will be shared via flyer, vlog, and posted on DHHSC's website.

C. Concerns regarding parking spaces were expressed. Michelle Bronson explained that the back parking lot near the bank and surrounding buildings will be fine for the people who want to attend the event because most are closed on weekends. Michelle also shared that she will contact the President of College Circle Association to request permission to close the parking lot between DHHSC and CTA for use of the event and also to use surrounding parking lots. In addition, Michelle will contact Valley Caregivers across the street to request permission to use their parking lot as they used ours for a recent event of theirs. Jaime Johnson-Clay made a suggestion to ask the church across the street for permission to use their parking lot for the day of the event.

D. The Martha's Vineyard event is usually hosted during the month of March, but might be postponed to April or May when it's more warm outside, so we can host an event that is both indoors and outdoors. While it is later this year, we do expect that the turnout will be lower than years past, but we want to test out a new format and then advertise in advance next year.

E. Michelle Bronson was asked about the competition between the Fresno HQ's Holiday Car Parade and the outreach offices' ASL Holiday Storytelling event and which event drew the most attendees. Michelle's response was that because the ASL storytelling was online, people could replay the video later on Youtube. The numbers were less at the start, but will increase over time. The Holiday Car Parade drew the most attendees at the time the event was hosted.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Approval for Bylaws 3rd revision is put on hold.

1. Steve Longo just learned that there is now an updated version of Robert's Rules of Order (RRO) that the board needs to follow and adjustments need to be made to the Bylaws latest revision to ensure that the board follows the most current RRO. Steve was relieved to finally finish the revisions of the bylaws and was disappointed to learn that the work was not done due to the release of the recent edition.

B. Policy and Procedures is put on hold for the same reason as above.

XII. New Business

A. A motion to approve to host the Valley Deaf Festival in person this year: Carried.

B. Election for the new board member.

1. Before conducting the elections, Nicole Hurt wanted to give Jessica Lozano-Delgado an opportunity to speak for herself if she is comfortable with voting since she was not at the previous meeting nor able to meet the new candidate.
2. Jessica Lozano-Delgado wanted to confirm that it was the same person as the board member application that she received in the email and shared that she trusts other board members' judgment about the new board member.
3. Elections conducted by Nicole Hurt.
4. Motion to elect Anna Virning as a board member, approved by the board unanimously.

XIII. Public Comments

A. Asked Alexander Sanborn to check for comments on the YouTube channel.

1. One community member asked when the Board of Directors will start meetings in person again.
2. The response: It all depends on COVID-19 and the board does not know at this time.
3. Nicole Hurt explained that there are benefits to having the meetings online because it provides more access to the public and for community members who are not able to drive or attend in person. This includes Nicole herself because she is DeafBlind and unable to drive. Nicole has recommended an idea of doing the board meetings hybrid style someday, by combining both in-person and online meetings. Other members liked the idea and wanted to take that into consideration at a later date.

XIV. Announcements

A. Michelle Bronson would like the Board of Directors to again oversee responsibility for food at Valley Deaf Festival this year and will need to know the

kinds of food they will provide so Susan can fill out the required paperwork with the Fresno Fairgrounds.

1. Michelle Bronson will need to know this information within the next two months.

2. There was a discussion about what kind of food to provide based on the successes of past years. Also recommended was to provide two different food options: one for people with no food restrictions and another for those who may have some food restrictions, such as Gluten-free or Vegan, for example.

- A. Steve Longo made an announcement that a committee is working on a documentary of Rita Corey, an acclaimed actress/performer who had contributed to entertainment by performing with NTD (National Theater of the Deaf), MUSIGN Theater Group, and as Drama Director at MSD where Nyle DiMarco was one of the students for over 13 years before she passed away.

XV. Closed Session if needed

XVI. Adjournment - Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.