



DHHSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

12/12/2023

6 PM

- I. Call to Order –
 - A) Starting time: 6:04 PM
 - B) Board members Present:
 - a) Steve Longo
 - b) Nicole Hurt
 - c) Anna Virnig
 - d) Patty Killough
 - e) Jessica Lozano-Delgado
 - f) Christian Gentile
- II. Approval of Agenda Items
 - A) Motion to approve the agenda: Carried.
- III. Approval of October 2023 Board Minutes
 - A) Motion to approve the minutes: Carried.
- IV. Auditor's Report
 - A) None
- V. President's Report- Steve Longo
 - A) Lots of fundraisers; the VDF Festival was held; the food service was improved thanks to Anna's planning and our use of a tablet for

purchases. Attendance was less this year likely due to lots of reasons, including rain and a Timberfest.

VI. Vice President's Report- Nicole Hurt

- A) We have been focusing on planning for the VDF Festival; we had two planning meetings prior to the VDF Festival; there was a lot of coordination of staff and Board members working together to prepare. We will be purchasing a second tablet to use at next year's VDF, and we are looking at making other improvements as well.
- B) The board also met with Michelle Bronson to discuss repairs needed for DHHSC; hopefully we meet the goal to fundraise for those needs. Thank you all that supported that cause.

VII. Secretary's Report- Patty Killough

- A) Jeff Oropeza was hired for our Salinas office!
- B) Central Coast's Christmas Party is being planned.
- C) Additional Deaf events are popping up in Salinas, such as Game Day at Starbucks, a Starbucks social event in Hollister, and a DNO in Monterey.

VIII. Treasurer's Report- Anna Virnig

- A) Enjoyed working with Cindy a lot; I loved having Cindy working with us at VDF.

IX. Executive Director's Report- Michelle Bronson

- A) VDF: Huge success; feedback was that people had a great time; it's not a cheap event to attend, and it's an expensive event to host; we have ideas on how to host it cheaper next year. Lower attendance: rain, other conflicting events. We made a profit of \$5,000 after expenses. Previous years' profit was between 4 and 7 thousand.

- B) Giving Tuesday: We had a competition against the board members. Most staff raised about \$815.
- C) CDSS requested an alignment with RFP.
- D) We have applied for different grants.
- E) Three new staff: Jeffrey Oropeza full time in Salinas, Gabriela Mendoza (part time) in Visalia, and Kerry Knighton (part time). Will interview one applicant next week for Salinas.
- F) Holidays: Visalia had a party last week and 40 people attended; Merced also hosted a party; Fresno's and Salinas' party will be held soon. There is a Deaf Santa at every party.
- G) We do not sell consumers' information.

X. Fundraising Report

- A) We made half of what we needed to to make a profit; we made \$80. Possibly due to Giving Tuesday and the fundraiser on the same day.
- B) Single event locations are a possibility but we need to consider what day is best for many to attend.
- C) Nicole: We will consider setting up an AdHoc meeting to discuss that and more ideas for the future.

XI. General Board Comments

- A) One consumer complained that the tacos were served cold at VDF.

XII. Old Business

- B) None

XIII. New Business-

- A) None

XIV. Announcements

- A) Kristen was promoted as full time staff interpreter for college.

XV. Community Comments

A) None

XVI. Closed Session

A) None

XVII. Adjournment- 7:01 PM