

## **A4TH Board Meeting Minutes**

### **December 12, 2015 Appleton, Wisconsin**

#### **ATTENDEES**

Tim Mayer, President  
Rick Chrabaszewski, Treasurer  
Darryl Johnson, Board Member  
George Kamps, Vice-President & Board Member  
Jim Hubbard, Volunteer  
Excused: Jen Thomas, Board Member and Vicki Woschnick, Secretary

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Tim Mayer, President, at 12:31p.m., Saturday, December 12, 2015

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/22/14 MEETING**

Tim Mayer moved to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2015 Board meeting...George Kamps seconded...carried by unanimous vote

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT/UPDATE**

Tim Mayer provided an update, as follows:

- As of December 12, 2015 A4TH's Return & Recovery Program for Military Veterans has treated 2,359 veterans through 392 group sessions since its inception in 2009. VA-based sessions are 269 treating 1,669 veterans and community-based sessions have treated 690 veterans through 117 sessions.
- An earlier inquiry by the VA facility in Minneapolis, MN as to the feasibility of A4TH bringing the RRPMV program there was responded to in the negative with the explanation the distance is too great from A4TH's base in Appleton and the nature of that VA facility is not the same as Tomah which is a regional mental health facility. At a point in the future with better funding available it could be considered or perhaps training someone at that facility to do facilitate the group sessions.
- President Mayer reported he has had on-going conversations with Margaret Carpenter of the Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections as to bringing our RRPMV program to veterans who are incarcerated. Progress is slow going due to the many issues the DOC must deal with, but the opportunity will continue to be explored as a way to reach more veterans in more places.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT/UPDATE**

- George Kamps reported about the VFW magazine article about the many forms of art that are used across the nation in treating veterans, A4TH's expressive art among them.
- Also noted was that A4TH's use of expressive art can be applied to others who have mental issues, citing the homeless and women who were included in a special few sessions at St. Norbert.
- The Volunteer Center of Green Bay may be a place for A4TH to contact when it is ready to reach out for more volunteers to assist with its programs
- There is a veteran's art museum in Chicago that might perhaps be a location for considering a future exhibit of A4TH's veterans' art.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Minutes from October 24, 2015 meeting were submitted for approval.
- It is A4TH's intent to have minutes from its board meeting posted on its website at [www.a4th.org](http://www.a4th.org) and this will begin in 2016 with the posting of minutes from the 2015 directors' meetings. A4TH's webmaster is working on making this technologically possible coordinating with the Secretary.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer presented financial update, as follows:

- Confirmed review and approval of expenses for October & November
- Reported contract with ICANN (website services) has been renewed
- Current bank balance as of Nov 30, 2015 showed \$2,114.20
- 1099 reporting efforts will begin in January of 2016 with expected date of submission being in the late April or early May timeframe

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Update on pending grants and donations indicated the following:
  - Forest County Potawatomi Foundation was unwilling to fund us in their fall schedule so we will apply again in the first quarter of 2016.
  - \$1,000 grant has been awarded us but not yet received from Ho-Chunk Nation
  - Kimberly-Clark Foundation is considering us for a year-end grant after President Mayer's communication to them regarding A4TH's local roots and commitment to serving Wisconsin veterans. K-C had indicated they support Wounded Warriors which is national org.
  - Faith Technologies of Appleton is being communicated with through their president who is a veteran.
  - Oshkosh Defense, an early supporter of A4TH is being contacted for some support after a number of years of no support.
  - A proposal is pending with WPS, Wisconsin Physician Services.
  - Mercury Marine has indicated a willingness to consider A4TH in its future giving plans after a personal approach from Jim Hubbard.

- Cornerstone Foundation of NE Wisconsin has a proposal and has for the last several years awarded A4TH a January grant.
- Augustine Stewardship Trust has a proposal that is being considered.
- Menasha Corp awarded A4TH funding in the past, is being approached.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **New Board Member**: Jim Hubbard who is retired Chief of Staff with Mercury Marine and who has been an active volunteer with A4TH since 2008 acting as chief administrative aide to President Mayer in all administrative areas including fundraising was nominated for the board of directors. On motion by George Kamps, seconded by Darryl Johnson, Jim was unanimously approved for a three-year term.
- **Golf Outing 2016** was set for June 18<sup>th</sup> at The Woods in Green Bay. All board members will work to encourage more golfers to support this event including meeting with league golfers at The Woods.
- Jim Hubbard reported **Christmas solicitation letters** to 41 DAV chapters in Wisconsin who have not donated so far in 2015 have been mailed out.
- Tim reported that a **traveling version** of the current A4TH art exhibit at the Veterans Museum in Madison, WI is being considered by the museum's Director Telzrow. We are in constant communication as this plan comes together.
- **St. Norbert Abbey sessions** were discussed and how to increase the participation at this, A4TH's longest running location, sessions. Ideas were discussed one of which was to open the sessions up to non-veterans. In the past homeless individuals and some battered women were included in sessions. Inviting them in the future is a possibility.
- **Creating new community-based sessions in the Madison, WI area** was discussed and could be possible with sufficient funding and the identification of the proper venue.
- **Radio Station FM 91.1 the Avenue** is known for supporting non-profits and it was suggested A4TH explore what they might be able to do for us. Tim and others will follow up.

## ADJOURNMENT

George Kamps made a motion to adjourn Board meeting at 1:20 p.m. Darryl Johnson seconded and by unanimous vote of the Board members the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for Secretary Woschnick by Jim Hubbard