

# Artists for the Humanities, Inc.

## Board Meeting June 23, 2018

**Call to Order: 12:25PM**

**Attendance:** Tim Mayer, ED; Jim Hubbard, Secretary; Rick Chrabaszewski, Treasurer; George Kamps, Director

### **President's Report:**

**RRPMV at Tomah VAMC:** Our program at Tomah has been discontinued by Dr. Robert Campbell, who is in charge of the PTSD and substance abuse, residential program in building 404. This was the VA's decision as of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This was a successful program for over nine years. We thanked the Tomah VA for the opportunity to serve the veterans there.

**RRPMV with Oneida Nation:** The group sessions held there from on a monthly basis since November 2017 have also been discontinued.

**Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove, WI:** Our RRPMV program began in late May 2018 on every other Wednesday. The program is with the homeless veterans. The facility also has a nursing home, veteran's cemetery, and a minimum security prison which houses women. The Veterans Assistance Foundation (VAF), operates the homeless program. The VAF is a state government contractor. The director of the program, Melissa Taggert, would like to have us move the day to Friday which is conflict with our current program at Vets Place Central in Milwaukee. We are looking to finalize a mutually acceptable day. However, Ms. Taggert does like offering the program every other Wednesday at this point.

**RRPMV at Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, WI:** Our program at King is on summer hiatus as the residents are offered many outdoor activities and other functions over the summer months and attendance for our program would be greatly affected. An alternative program which would involve Tim painting pictures in a large activity room for those residents that may be limited in their ability to get out of their respective hall on the King campus has been offered to Activities Director Shelly Jandt. The program would be similar to one we did at Tomah. Discussion with the Activities coordinator at King, Shelly Jandt is underway related to this idea.

**Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls, WI:** We are in talks, and they are moving very slowly, with beginning a new program for homeless veterans at Chippewa Falls.

**October 20<sup>th</sup> fundraiser at Irish Waters Golf Club:** Planning is in process. There are many pieces to this event. Tim is working closely with Chad Wienhbrech, co-owner of Irish Waters, and Nicole Gosz of Rooted Marketing in De Pere. We need to assure this is a successful event.

**Art as a Tool for Healing, St. Norbert Abbey/Center for Spirituality:** Program is ongoing and in it's infancy. Attendance is up and down at this point but we are in the summer months. A good deal of promotion has been done. Our program is listed regularly in the Green Bay Press Gazette and the Appleton Post Crescent. Promotional posters have been distributed throughout De Pere and Green Bay in area churches and coffee cafés.

**Art as a Tool for Healing, Appleton Public Library:** Tim will meet with Adriana McCleer, Community Partnership Supervisor for the Appleton Public Library regarding bringing Art as a Tool for Healing to the library.

**Presentations regarding the RRPMV:** Tim made presentations to Omro, Oshkosh and Appleton Legion Posts, and DAV Chapters in Oshkosh and Chilton. He is also contacting the Amvets Post in Oshkosh, the Vietnam Veterans Chapter in Oshkosh and Green Bay for future presentations and is scheduled to speak at the American Legion State of Wisconsin Convention in Oshkosh in mid-July. Tim will be speaking on July 13<sup>th</sup> before about 800 Legionnaires during the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual American Legion State of Wisconsin Convention in Oshkosh. Tim will be presenting his standard presentation on the RRPMV.

**Boy Scouts of America Bay-Lakes Council:** Tim met with Josh Andersen, District Director for the Bay Lakes Council, regarding partnering opportunities for our organizations with the A4TH.

### **Vice President's Report:**

- A4TH's opportunities to serve more and different populations with the current increase of awareness in types of trauma impacting many individual and populations in our society . The organization needs to be prepared and ready to serve where needed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Cash Balances - Ending May 2018 at Fox Communities Credit Union A4TH account:  
Checking: \$1,892.53                      Savings: \$3,911.63
- Tim has asked the Treasurer to review an offer presented to A4TH by PayPal Giving Fund.  
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### **Secretary's Report:**

### **Funding:**

- The Augustine Trust Stewardship secretary Lynn Smet has notified Tim that we will be receiving a \$5,000 grant for our program.
- Funding requests are still open with Bemis Corp Foundation, Boldt Construction, HOOAH, Inc., and DAV State of Wisconsin
- Tim has met with State Senator Roth's office and there may be opportunities for some funding from additional sources that his staff is exploring.
- Irish Waters Golf Outing (early June) has A4TH as beneficiary with the amount to soon be determined and received by us.

### **Old Business:**

- **Flag Day Parade:** Held Saturday, June 9 in Appleton with good exposure for A4TH. Tim worked to gather all of our participants for the parade. A4TH had a total of five volunteers: two banner carriers, Christian Johnson and Phil Knisele; six veterans riding in vehicles, Jerry Monson, Army/Vietnam; Mike Page, Army/Iraq; Tom "Fuzzy" Kozel Army/Vietnam; Jeff Bedward, Army, Angie Hill, Air Force and her husband also a Veteran. Three drivers,; Bob Lindberg, Rollie Stephenson, and Vicki Woschnick. Thanks to all. Tim walked the entire parade route and took pictures, Some of the images Tim shot can be viewed on our Facebook page.

### **New Business:**

1. A new bookkeeper, Jackie Dunn, is in process of being hired. Jackie is a CPA and is employed at David J. Kamps S.C. Certified Public Accountant. She will be paid the same hourly rate, \$30.00 per hour as with our former bookkeeper Linda Breitzman, who is willing to work with Jackie to assure a smooth transition of responsibilities.
2. A part-time administrative assistant to help A4TH records, Phil Knisele who is a music and economics student at Lawrence University, is being contemplated. Phil would be working on a very limited part time basis, two to six hours every two weeks, most likely on Sundays. He would be paid an hourly wage of \$15.00 per hour.

**Adjournment: 1:25PM**

Submitted by Jim Hubbard, Secretary

Edited by Tim Mayer, President