

A4TH Board Meeting September 30, 2017

Appleton, Wisconsin

ATTENDEES

Tim Mayer, President; Rick Chrabaszewski, Treasurer; Jim Hubbard, Director; Darryl Johnson, Director
Excused George Kamps, Vice-President; Vicki Woschnick, Secretary; and Jen Thomas, Director.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Tim Mayer, President, at 12:03 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM 12/03/2016 Board meeting. No changes, accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/UPDATE

- Pending grants and funding:
 - Pending proposals
 - Forest County Potawatomi Foundation
 - Cornerstone Foundation
 - DAV Dept. of Wisconsin
 - Packer Foundation
 - K.C. Stock Foundation
 - Mercury Marine
 - Other targeted funding opportunities include Kimberly Clark
 - Packer Game concession stand where A4TH has volunteers received \$187 in tips and we expect to receive 5% of approximately \$4700 in sales. Volunteers are scheduled work future Packer home games.
 - Congressman Gallagher, a Marine veteran, and his office have given us a contact person at the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services so we are optimistic some financial support could be forthcoming. This is being pursued.
 - Meeting with Daniel Zimmerman Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs State of Wisconsin was good and other opportunities are being explored with his department.
 - St. Norbert RRPMV program has been discontinued. We will continue working with the Center for Spirituality to shift our efforts to providing Art as a Tool for Healing which will be open to a broader spectrum of participants, which could include vets as well.
 - Meeting with Sheri Prosser Executive Director Cornerstone Foundation (Ft. Howard Paper's foundation) went well. She helped identify how A4TH might qualify for larger grants than the annual \$1,000 donation we have received each of the last five years. We have a proposal in play with Cornerstone.
 - Group Session statistical update:
 - Group Sessions in 2017 through Sept 30th total 63 with 302 participants

- Group Sessions since 2009 total 538 with 3,181 participants
- Tim has been working with Dr. Campbell at the Tomah VA Medical Center with respect to whether our program can be expanded to other VA Centers by Tim providing training to staff at other locations. A4TH has an already-prepared approach as to how to train others on how A4TH's method of using art therapy can be used successfully. Needed now is a "door opener" within the VA system and Tim is pursuing this.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Rick Chrabaszewski presented financial update, through August 31, 2017:

- so far in 2017 A4TH has received \$28,678 and expenditures have been \$26,740.
- Current checking account balance is \$636

OLD BUSINESS

- Director Darryl Johnson urged A4TH to continue to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in May 2017 as well as the Flag Day Parade and efforts need to be made to find some additional veterans or groups to march with us.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2018 Golf Outing may be moved back to Irish Waters where we have been in the past and where our cause is understood and appreciated. It was agreed we need to work to make this event yield more funding for our work. Tim will meet with the Irish Waters staff to explore how this change might take place and whether a weekday event might work and whether a change in time of year would be positive.
- The creation of a new program Art as a Tool for Healing (AaaTfH) is underway so that we can expand our art therapy programming to new populations at new locations. Among the locations to be considered would be the Micah Center in Green Bay and St. Benedict's in Milwaukee. Further development is needed, but this will be an important effort in expanding our efforts to reach more of those who can benefit. Fundraising will be separate and apart from RRPMV and so will the statistical tracking be separate and apart.
- The board extended its best wishes to Secretary Woschnick for a speedy rehabilitation from her earlier health issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

Darryl Johnson moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 1:25 p.m.; it was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

By Jim Hubbard for Vicki Woschnick, Secretary