

## **A4TH Board Meeting Minutes**

### **July 27, 2019 Appleton, WI**

**Call to Order:** President Mayer opened the meeting at 12:01PM

**Attending:** Tim Mayer, Jim Hubbard, Rollie Stephenson, George Kamps, Rick Chrabaszewski, Todd Hartwig

**Received of minutes from February 23, 2019**

### **President's Report**

**WDVA King, WI:** Both the homeless veterans' program and the resident elderly program have been ended at King as previously communicated to the board. WDVA decision occurring during some leadership changes within the WDVA. We did a great job at King in both programs and we are moving on as an organization. This is opening doors to other opportunities.

**Community-based Programs:** Discussion was had regarding the future direction for A4TH and the expressive art program. After focusing on veterans for ten years perhaps A4TH should focus on community-based programs which serve populations in the Green Bay, Fox Cities, and Oshkosh corridor. When feasible, A4TH could hire more facilitators to cover the sessions at more locations. Jean Harder of New Holstein is a possible future facilitator as is Michelle Bondi. Many details need to be resolved but there are opportunities for our services being explored, working with other non-profits.

**Veterans Village Housing Project:** A4TH has been made aware through State Senator Roger Roth of the Veterans Village Housing Project Program which is underway in Appleton. This complex has plans to house elderly veterans and possibly homeless veterans. All of the details are not laid out at this point. An Appleton based non-profit; The Fox Valley Veterans Council is behind this effort. There have overtures by several individuals, including the office of State Senator Roger Roth to A4TH about offering services. We will monitor the situation but will not make any commitment at this time.

**Oshkosh Schools Refugee Program ATH:** George and Tim are meeting in August with Dawn Schimra an administrator who handles the English language programs with the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD), and Tim's contact person for the Students with Refugee Backgrounds program. We will be discussing possible plans with her for the upcoming school year's program. There have been some roadblocks to doing our program with the students involving conducting our program in relation to properly accessing the students' past trauma in their home countries as well as any experiences they may have encountered here in the U.S. This concerns having George present during some sessions and, the school districts' policy regarding mental health. At this time, the understanding is that the school district wants their staff to handle any trauma

therapy. At issue is whether school staff can actually handle the sessions and get the students to really open up. In addition, teachers at one of the middle schools decided that they would “handle” doing the sessions on their own. We will work to establish a better program course with Dawn and the Oshkosh Area School District.

**Indian Council for the Elderly Milwaukee:** On hold awaiting funding.

**St. Norbert Abbey-Center for Spirituality:** Our Art as a Tool for Healing and Art as a Tool for Healing Grief has been almost completely funded through a grant of \$5,000; our budget is projected for \$5,501.64.

**Our 2nd annual fundraiser is October 5th.** Tickets are \$20.00. Please buy a ticket or two and for those board members, who live in the area, please request some tickets that you may sell.

**Recent Donations:** Sue Ellen Stephenson of \$2,400, Chad Weinbrectch and the PTSD Veterans Scramble of \$2,000, Jim and Sharon Hubbard \$3,350, Vietnam Veterans of America Oshkosh \$500, Chilton DAV \$500, AMVETS Oshkosh \$400, Cell Com \$500, Green Bay DAV \$1,000, Red Granite DAV \$400, Lamers Foundation \$2,500, Red Granite DAV \$50. Application to Bemis Foundation was denied during their recent round of funding.

**Vice President’s Report:** George met with a funder, Peter Cardinal of the Pivot Foundation. Mr. Cardinal dropped by a session of expressive art for healing on 7/18 @ the Abbey. He was positively impressed by the benefits of expressive art and described how he uses expressive writing to process solutions for himself. It was evident to him how expressive art and the visual story telling format can men, women, children as well as veterans and trauma survivors.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of July 27, 2019 there is \$5,782 in the A4TH checking account. \$19.59 in savings and, \$50.04 in the Vehicle Fund.

**Secretary’s Report:** Continue to support the President with applications for funding, tracking of donors and other communications as required. Also, latest statistics are at the end of this document.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:** Fundraiser is October 5, 2019 at Irish Water Golf Club. We are selling printed tickets for \$20-.00 this year in hopes of drawing more people to attend. Tim is being assisted by Vicki Woschnick, Michelle Bonde, Chad and, Kent Miachle.

**Adjournment:** 12:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Jim Hubbard**

Jim Hubbard, Secretary

**PROGRAM STATISTICS THROUGH JULY 27, 2019**

	RRPMV <small>As of 7.27.19</small>		Year ATH <small>As of 7.27.19</small>			
YEAR	# Sessions	# Attendees			# Group Sessions	# Attendees
2009	10	61		2017	6	12
2010	42	217		2018	15	101
2011	64	415		2019	28	159
2012	69	459		TOTAL	49	272
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2013	67	440				
2014	75	418				
2015	68	364				
2016	80	506				
2017	81	456				
2018	77	517				
2019	52	408				
TOTAL	685	4,261				
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