

Attending: Colleen Sauve, Evan Stainman, Dede LaRow, Michele Shepherd, Susan Parker

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

### **Approve the Minutes from July 7, 2022 Meeting**

Approved

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dede said that the TDV continues to have a strong cash flow. She wondered if the organization should sponsor an event to bring more visibility to the organization. Other members brought up the idea of hiring a part time director.

### **Discuss Insurance Policy (Evan)**

Evan report that TDV's general liability covers organization for \$2 million. Board member liability policy is a \$1 million. He we could individual facilities could add them to the insured, which would costs \$50 for each facility. Then any claim would hit TDV policy first. We have two companies listed as additional insured. We would need to check if members are visiting the facilities. After a discussion it was decided to leave the policy as is and that TDV is well insured.

### **Discuss UVMCC Policy for TDV**

We had a discussion of UVM's new policy that states people in hallways including staff cannot pet therapy dogs; the only time there can be interaction is in a patient's room with a patient. Board members have written TDV to explain why this is untenable position to do therapy dog work. UVM has responded and so far haven't changed their position.

The board decided that Michele, Colleen, and possibly Evan will try and up a meeting with the UVM staff who are responsible for overseeing volunteers and for the decision around therapy dogs. They will try and bring a therapy dog with them to illustrate the impossibility of conducting visits under the new policy.

### **Approve Second Board Term for Dede/Colleen**

They are approved

### **Discuss Susan's Departure**

The board discussed whether Susan could stay on for a third term if they amended the bylaws. Susan said that the two-term 6 year policy is one that is long standing and makes sense to bring in new people and perspectives.

### **Suggestions for New Board Members**

Craig will put a notice for new board members in the next Woof.

### **Discuss Adding the Apparel Link to the Members Page for Easy Access to Order Clothing**

The board discussed adding an apparel link. They noted that the current vendor only shows a few items on their link and that their apparel is of varying quality. Board members will reach out to other printers

to learn more about their process, prices, and availability to produce TDV apparel that can be included on the website.

**Discuss Putting Money into 12 Month Flex CD versus a traditional timed CD**

The board discussed putting money into a CD with a higher yield. Evan heard about a bond with a 3 percent interest rate for 9 months. Will discuss on Dec. 14.

**Discuss Job Requirements**

Earlier this year TDV created job requirements for all the positions. They have not been sent out yet. Board decided to send it by email and set up a DocuSign account to make it easy for people to sign. Colleen and Dede will do that.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm

Next board meeting on Dec. 14, 2022

Submitted by

Susan Parker

Secretary