The board meeting was called to order by President MaryRose Gonzalez at 9:30 a.m.

Present: President MaryRose Gonzalez, Vice-President Rachel Bavister, Secretary Jeanne Lavelle, Treasurer Jay Spraker, and Chapter Representative NVAD Melanie Williams.

Wesley Arey was appointed Sergeant-at-arms.

The agenda was amended to move member at large nomination to the top with two nominees. The board approved the appointment of Donna Graff-Viall and Devin Hamilton to the VAD board.

The adoption of August 23, 2019 board meeting minutes were approved as read.

VAD Financial Report – Jay Spraker

- Checking acct #8606 balance as of 09/30/19 $39,957.03
- LTP Saving acct #7772 balance as of 09/30/19 $18,149.26
- LEAD-K Checking acct #5767 balance as of 09/30/19 $1,656.76
- Total in 3 accounts balance as of on 09/30/19 $59,763.05

Stocks -
- PRIMERICA quarterly statement from 07/01 – 09/30/19 $59,007.01
- CAMBRIDGE Invest. statement bal. as of 10/31/19 $102,272.00

- VAD TOTAL ASSESTS balance as of 10/31/19 $221,042.06
Officer reports:

President –
- Spoke to Stacy Abrams who is the owner of Deaf Mentoring business on video phone about setting up deaf mentoring in Virginia. It is complicated because it is expensive, and that she will need to come here to explain how Deaf Mentoring works.
- VAD passed a motion to have zoom meetings when necessary at a previous meeting so we should do that.
- Set up chapters, attract more members and socialize every few months.
- Encouraged VAD to connect with Virginia Association of the Deaf/Blind organization.
- Asked who managed VAD’s Facebook Page with answer that Steve Williams and Jeanne Lavelle are the administrators.
- Asked who VAD website webmaster is with answer that Steve Williams is and he posts items.
- VAD has been pressured by social media that new officers especially president to post vlogs to introduce themselves on VAD Facebook page.

Vice President –
- Communicated with the President several times since the Conference. Our main topics covered a) Unfinished VAD Business (all on the Agenda) b) Mandates from the Membership at the Conference c) streamlining Board Meetings d) Inclusivity e) Tracking progress and Committees
- Began correspondence with DOE (with President’s approval) that was motioned and carried at September 2019 membership meeting that VAD communicate with and inquire of VDOE about their educational interpreter qualifications.
- Helped edit VAD’s Certificates of Appreciation to Thomas and Bennett for Daphne Cox, VAD Awards Committee Chair.

Chapter Reports:

Blue Ridge - It was announced that the chapter has become inactive due to lack of membership to run the organization. They will write a letter to the VAD board for recordkeeping. VAD Board shall assume the responsibility of the mini conference planning for 2020.
NVAD –
New officers for 2020:
President Melanie Williams
Vice President Jamie Berke
Secretary Danielle Thompson-Ochoa
Treasurer Robert Goodwin
Member at Large (3)
Heather Kendrick, Jeanne Lavelle and Nancy Rarus

- Holiday Party at Amphora Restaurant in Vienna, VA, on December 7, 2019 with close to 50 people who rsvp’d.
- Membership dues can now be paid either online or with credit/debit card at meetings and events.
- Vice President, Jamie Berke, planned to get a legislative bill on open captioned movies at movie theaters for Virginia.
- Family friendly event will be open captioned movies for kids at University Mall in Fairfax on December 8, 2019. NVAD will pay for tickets for the kids.

Skyline – It is said to be possibly become inactive, too for the same reason as Blue Ridge.

Standing Committee Reports

- Auditing – The 2018 VAD financial report was due for audit in 2019, but due to insufficient time, it is postponed to 2020.
- Legislation – Star Grieser resigned as the chair.

Other Committee Reports:

- Awards – We need to plan a reception to honor the recipient of VAD’s Distinguished Service Award, Ronald Lanier, maybe at VDDHH.
- Deaf Mother & Father of the Year – This year is the Deaf Father of the Year, Nomination forms will be sent out to the chapters early in 2020.
- Stock – See report
- VAD Sales (ASL T Shirt) – See report

Special Reports:

- VRID – See report
New Business

1. Rachel Bavister (Jay Sprayer) moved that we amend the agenda to address the appointment of Member at large nominees from the membership meeting in September 21 2019 immediately. Carried.

2. Rachel Bavister (Jay Sprayer) moved that the Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc. donate $500 to a Discretionary Fund for use by Deaf students only living in the dormitories at VSDB. Carried.

3. Rachel Bavister (Donna Graff-Viall) moved that now that the LEAD-K bank account has closed and LEAD-K monies that are in the general fund to have VAD reserve $2,000 (Keep a balance of) for LEAD-K activities under the AD Hoc committee of LEAD-K disbands. Carried.

4. Donna Graff-Viall (Melanie Williams) moved that VAD host one-day retreat during 2020-2021. Carried.
   Jeanne Lavelle moved to amend by inserting “for VAD board of directors” after retreat. Failed.

5. Rachel Bavister (Donna Graff-Viall) moved that the VAD board introduce themselves on video, add a script, and post the video on Social Media by December 10, 2019. (can be done individually) Carried.

6. Rachel Bavister (Jay Sprayer) moved that VAD appoint 2 members with approval of the board to oversee Public Relations especially in Social Media/VAD Facebook Page, etc. Carried.

7. Rachel Bavister (Donna Graff-Viall) moved that the VAD Board supports LEAD-K. Carried.

Announcements

Wesley Arey – Announced that there will be a National Deaf Grassroots Movement Rally in Washington, D.C. on May 1, Friday 9:30 am-3 pm this year. Go to www.dgm2018.wixsite.com/tdgm

Mary Nunnally – There will be two SIT Town Hall meetings: October 19, 2019 at Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville, VA and March 21, 2020 at Valley community Services Board in Staunton, VA. DARS continues to work with disabled students as required by law.

MaryRose Gonzalez – Last November 12 at Department of Justice in Alexandria, VA she attended a round table with 20 other Disability organizations that DOJ
Assistant United States Attorney Steve Gordon invited to share their positions, goals and exchange contacts.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Lavelle
VAD Secretary