The Board meeting was called to order by President MaryRose Gonzalez at 7:09 pm.

Present: President MaryRose Gonzalez, Vice-President Rachel Bavister, Secretary Jeanne Lavelle, Treasurer Jay Spraker, NVAD Chapter Rep Melanie Williams, and Board Members Devin Hamilton and Donna Graff-Viall.

Absent: Greater Richmond Chapter Rep Byron Heath

Quorum was met.

President’s Report

- Requested a second VAD delegate to the NAD’s virtual Council of Representatives (COR) meeting October 1-4, 2020. Delegates must be members of VAD and NAD.

  Rachel Bavister (Donna Graff-Viall) moved that we send Kim Taylor to the COR meeting. Carried.

- Reported that the progress of Deaf mentoring program for Virginia is on hold due to the pandemic. One idea they suggested is to have a zoom meeting up to one hour. They will let us know about the meeting and the cost in the fall.

- Disposal of old technology. The VAD Board agreed to give up VAD’s old laptop and printer and keep the LCD projector.

  Rachel Bavister (Devin Hamilton) moved that the treasurer take care of the laptop and printer at his disposal (donate or recycle). Carried.

- Black Lives Matter

  Asked if we want to invite Black Deaf leaders to present on this movement. We agreed that the Board will search for a Black Deaf leader to come to VAD and give a presentation about BLM. Jeanne Lavelle will ask Sallie Mae Pauley for assistance in finding leader(s).
VAD Mini Conference
Jeanne Lavelle (Devin Hamilton) moved that VAD continues to have a membership meeting amid the pandemic this year. Carried.
It may be virtual, and planning will be conducted as soon as possible.

Other issue
- The VAD Board felt that we should not be constrained by the VAD bylaws in having board meetings at least 4 times a year so we agreed to have a zoom Board meeting once a month or as needed during the pandemic.

Vice President’s Report
- Rachel as VAD representative to SHE reported briefly about the SHE project (Shelter for Help in Emergency). VAD signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with SHE to partner in a collaboration as SHE was seeking a grant from the Office on Violence against Women (OVW) (Federal). This grant, supporting Deaf and Hard of Hearing people, was awarded sometime in 2019. There is a timeline of 3 years with a possible extension. Rachel is asking for volunteers (us, too) to help. Her detailed report was sent to us electronically and shared on VAD Facebook.

Treasurer’s Report
- Currently VAD has 46 paid members.
- The Board discussed the need for online membership payment which will help bring in more members to join VAD. NVAD already set up online payment, and we can ask NVAD Treasurer for guidance in setting up.

Chapter Report
- NVAD will have a virtual general meeting on September 19, 2020. They have had numerous practices on the Zoom through one member who is experienced in facilitating large zoom meetings.
- Reported that Steve Williams, VAD webmaster, is ready to hand over the website operation to whomever.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Lavelle, VAD Secretary