

MINUTES OF THE VOTING MEMBERS ASSOCIATION
Monday, October 2, 2017

Members Present: (26 attendees, 21 families)

Adah, Alex and Rose Marie	Gray, Carol	Richards, MaryAnne
Anderson, Ann	Harman, Bob and Chris	Smeal, Bill
Assenmacher, Karen	Hoening, Mata	Tillson, Kathleen
Bailey, Carole	Koziara, Michele	Wagner, Lynne
Baker, Barbara	Matuszak, Cindy	
Baker, Dick	Munselle, Chuck and Nancie	<u>Also Attending</u>
Dedrick, MaryAnn	Minnix, Barbara and Hunter	Jennifer Roccanti
Freed, Mort and Natalie	Patronik, Ann	

A. General - Nancie Munselle

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm at the On My Own office.
2. Approval of Minutes
It was noted that the minutes from the May meeting had the wrong meeting date. With that being corrected, Rose Adah moved that the minutes be accepted and MaryAnne Richards seconded. The minutes were approved.
3. Introduction of New Families
Barb and Hunter Minnix, parents of new member Allie, were introduced. Other new families mentioned, but not in attendance, were Jim and Mary Jordan, parents of Peter, the Fortana family whose member is Dino, and the Shultz family whose new member is Hannah.
4. Calendar
 - a. VMA Meetings
Our next meeting is on December 4. There was a discussion about location and it was decided to again hold the meeting at the OMO office and to have pizza, salad, and breadsticks brought in from Shield's.
 - b. OMO Gala
The Gala is Saturday, October 14. Members were encouraged to attend and to sign up for volunteer positions for the evening.
 - c. Family Forum
Next meeting is October 18. Nancie explained the purpose of the Family Forum and invited members to join the group.
 - d. Giving Tuesday
OMO will again be participating in Giving Tuesday on November 28. VMA members are encouraged to participate and to spread the word to friends and family.
5. Board of Trustees Report – Kathleen Tillson
Kathleen thanked all the VMA members who have volunteered with OMO. She welcomed the new families and Jennifer Roccanti. She reported that the Board of Trustees is trying to reengage the Advisory Board.
6. Board of Trustees Election
Andrea DeFrain, VMA rep on the Board of Trustees, is resigning her position. Barb Baker has offered to take the position. Barb was unanimously elected.
7. VMA Board Election

Barb Baker's election to the Board of Trustees left her VMA vice president seat open. Luke Frye has offered to take the position. Cindy Matuszak is resigning her position as VMA secretary; Chris Harman has agreed to take that position. Both were elected by the members present.

B. Financial Updates

1. VMA Report –Michele Koziara

We have had revenue of \$1000 in dues, leaving a balance of \$1078.05. Two additional dues payments have now been received.

2. OMO Report – Dick Baker

For the last fiscal year, OMO's income was about \$30,000 below budget, with grants showing the biggest decrease. (We did not get an expected \$15,000 grant.) Expenses were about \$20,000 below budget. Overall, we ended up with a \$20,000 loss as compared to an \$11,000 loss the previous year. The good news is that during each of the last 4 quarters we have gained new members.

C. On My Own Operations – Nancie Munselle

Executive Director's Report – Jennifer Roccanti

Jennifer reported that 2 new members will start during the fall semester. She has set a staff goal of recruiting 20 new members this fiscal year. She explained CARF certification and the fact that OMO has begun the process to obtain the certification. She asked for volunteers for the Gala. Jennifer also expressed appreciation for the warm reception she has received. One of her goals is to expand our donor base to relieve parents financially. Other goals are in the areas of member satisfaction, staff retention, and donor retention. A question and answer period followed.

D. New Business – Barbara Baker

1. Handbook – Nancie Munselle

A committee has been working on updating the OMO Handbook. It is nearing completion and will go to the Board of Trustees before being shared with families. Hopefully it will be ready for our December meeting.

2. Postcards and Marketing – Barb Baker

Barb and Don Hoenig worked on designing a postcard about OMO with the thought that the postcards can be put on community bulletin boards in our various cities. She put together bags of 5 postcards with push pins and magnets and distributed all 10 bags at the meeting. She will bring more to the December meeting.

3. Call for Volunteers – Nancie Munselle

Kathy Mehrman has asked for help with bowling on Mondays. Karen Mellot volunteered. Chuck Munselle will help periodically. Nancie will ask for more volunteers via email. Jennifer proposed getting volunteers to assist with administrative duties at the OMO office for a few hours a week. Anyone interested should contact her.

E. Old Business- Barbara Baker

1. Final Report on Traffic Committee – Carol Gray

Families had been concerned with members crossing Crooks to get to the office. Carol contacted the Oakland County Road Commission. They put up

a timed crosswalk signal and lengthened the crossing time to 23 seconds. Barb Baker suggested requesting a longer crossing time. Carol will look into it. There is still a possibility for installing a HAWK crosswalk beacon at the intersection.

2. Family Forum Update – Nancie Munselle

The Family Forum did not meet during the summer, but the Member Handbook that they worked on is almost complete, as previously reported.

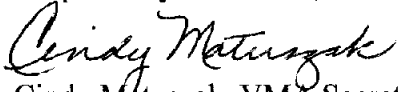
3. Hoedown – Nancie Munselle

The Hoedown has been cancelled for this year due to a number of factors, including increased costs. It will be considered again next year.

F. Meeting Adjournment – Nancie Munselle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy Matuszak, VMA Secretary