



Minnesota Association of Healthcare Volunteers

MAHV Annual Meeting December 8, 2021

The Minnesota Association of Healthcare Volunteers met on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 via Zoom. President Jane Denovchek called the meeting to order.

Leadership Board in Attendance: Jane Denovchek, Bev Moberg, Jody Bjerke, Janene Riedeman, Marlene Smith, Linda Tezak, Phyllis Ducey (non-Voting).

Additional committee and district chair participants: Theora Goodrich, Iliose Groth, Kelly Owens, and Karen Skarphol.

Our Mission is to provide our members with opportunities to share ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote volunteer services that support Minnesota's health care facilities.

Our Vision is to be the premier leader, partner, and resource for health care volunteers.

There were no additions to the Agenda, and a quorum was verified.

President's Report – Jane Denovchek

- A thank you to past president Ray Kuntz for starting the talks for Regional partnership many years ago..
- Thank you to all the Board Members
- Thank you to Mike Cooper who left the board early but helped with wording of marketing materials
- Thank you to Janene Riedeman who has been on the Board for many years and is a watchdog for our financial responsibility.

Secretary's Report – Marlene Smith

- There were no corrections to the December 2, 2020 MAHV Annual Meeting minutes so the report will be filed.

Treasurer's Report – Jodi Bjerke

- The proposed budget was presented.
- Residual funds from the Regional Conference is in a regional account and does not show in the MAHV budget.
- Motion to approve the proposed budget by Phil Ruggerio, second by Linda Tezak. Motion carried.
- Membership Dues have been set at \$50 for groups of 25 or more. Dues are \$25 for groups less than 25.
- Groups that join for the first time will be complementary for the first year.

Fall Conference – Kelly Owens

- A regional conference with Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Minnesota participated. Those on the Committee were Jody Bjerke, Theora Goodrich, Janene Riedeman, and Kelly Owens.
- There were 15 plus speakers and 120 – 128 participants.
- We plan to continue using the theme of "Power of Connection".
- A session on Fundraising is planned for February 15, 2022 at 9:30 to 11:00 am via Zoom.
- A second session on Recruiting is planned for August 17, 2022 at 1:00 to 2:30 pm via Zoom.
- There were some pockets of attendees that gathered in small groups to take in the Conference. In person gives some personal interaction that is missing in Zoom.
- Zoom worked very well and we have a \$3,500 surplus that is available for another conference.

Membership/District – Linda Tezak

- A Thank You was given to all the District Chairs for their part in keeping the Local Groups informed and getting hosts for the Spring Forums.

- 2022 Forums are being planned for the time frames of: Spring Forum April 18 to 29;
Fall Forums Oct 24 to Nov 4.

Presidents Awards – Jane Denovchek

- The 2021 President’s Award recipient is Kelly Owens.
- Kelly served as Conference Chair, has shown significant leadership in 2021 Healthcare Conference.
- Kelly coordinated the making of 10,000 plus Masks from community volunteers for Healthcare.
- Kelly is a District Chair for MAHV.
- Kelly is the Volunteer Coordinator for Olmsted Medical Center in Rochester.
- Kelly was instrumental in MAHV re-branding.
- A Sincere thank you to Kelly.
- Jane Denovchek and Jody Bjerke presented the award in person in Rochester, MN on November 17, 2021.

Speaker Gayle Kvenvold, President and CEO of LeadingAgeMN

- I will be retiring soon, after serving in this position for 40 years.
- Volunteers are a constant, although normal is a little illusive right now.
- Covid is not done with us as we are in the 4th resurge.
- Testing and vaccinations are now available which were not earlier. Minnesota is leading in population being vaccinated. Boosters are now available also.
- Our new challenge is the Worker shortage. It is even 20% greater than it had been earlier and we have 23,000 open positions. Workers are doing double shifts and working in extra areas. Some are retiring early.
- The absence of Volunteers because of the pandemic has made us appreciate them even more.
- We want to work together, refresh our strategic plan.
- The state of Minnesota has a large surplus in 2021. We are working to get permanent wage increases for Healthcare workers.
- I want to say Thank You from my heart for all you do.

Nomination presented

- President – Bev Moberg
- Immediate Past President – Jane Denovchek
- President Elect – Open
- Treasurer – Jody Bjerke
- Secretary – Open

There being no further nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for the nominations.

Newly elected President – Bev Moberg

- Thank you to Jane for her leadership in 2021.
- This has been a transitional time, adapting to changing times.
- We need to reach out to the local CEO’s to help them understand MAHV and Volunteers, and what they do to benefit the facility.
- We are kind of in reorganization stage and want to help the local organizations.

Closing – Theora Goodrich presented the “Pineapple Principle”

The color Yellow – is a happy color. We need to emit happiness.

The three Principles

1. Stand up straight, look them in the eye and say Hello.
2. Wear a Crown, value yourself and people. Be kind to others.
3. Be Kind, be Prickly on the outside and be Kind on the inside. Be Kind!

Be a Pineapple.

Have Compassion and give Service.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Marlene Smith, Secretary