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Online Special Board of Directors Meeting April 23, 2020

Call to Order:

President Joanna Henshaw called the online meeting of the AVVA Board of Directors to order at 9:05 AM (PDT) on Thursday April 23, 2020. The meeting was conducted, and the audio recorded, using the GoToMeeting conferencing application. All participants were informed accordingly.

Board of Directors Roll Call:

Secretary Nina Schloffel called the roll.

President: Joanna Henshaw	Region 4: Susan Henthorn
Vice President: Kaye Gardner	Region 5: Don Jones
Secretary: Nina Schloffel	Region 6: Rick Talford
Treasurer: Kathy Andras	Region 7: Terri Rangel
Region 1: Frances Guevremont	Region 8: Vacant
Region 2: Bobbie Morris	Region 9: Tim Von Bon
Region 3: Hope Summers - Excused	

A quorum was established.

Purpose:

1. To determine donation strategies needed to fulfill our commitment to Project Friendship (Holt Street Miracle Center) and yet allows AVVA to support COVID-19 relief efforts.
2. To designate donation amounts
3. To identify the recipient of AVVA's proposed COVID-19 donation.
4. To present a proposed policy change to Section 6, Administration, to add a new subsection I.C.1-5 that defines the conduct of an online board meeting.

Donation Proposals:

Treasurer Kathy Andras provided the following information:

- Project Friendship is budgeted for \$2,000. AVVA can donate all or part of \$2,000 budgeted to this year's Project Friendship charity (Holt Street Miracle Center in Dayton, OH).



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- Total amount budgeted for travel to 2020 Leadership Conference is \$21,485. Leadership Conference is cancelled. AVVA can use this travel budget to fund a donation to whatever COVID-19 charity we elect to support. Suggest donating no more than \$10,000, with remainder to be held in reserve.
- Based on research, recommend Feeding America as AVVA's COVID-19 charity of choice. The charity is well known and serves the community.

Additional discussion followed regarding:

- Other nationally known charities and programs currently promoting COVID-19 relief.
- Merits of Feeding America vs other charities.
- Recognition we might expect for a \$10,000 donation.

Project Friendship - President Henshaw restated the board's previous decision to donate the full \$2,000 budgeted to Holt Street Miracle Center in Dayton, OH.

Motion (# 1) – moved by Region 6, Rick Talford and seconded by Region 1, Fran Guevremont, to donate \$10,000 to Feeding America. **Adopted by unanimous vote (10 yes, 0 no)**

Assignment: Treasurer Kathy Andras to determine what media recognition is incumbent with a \$10,000 donation to Feeding America. Donation to be held pending outcome of the treasurer's investigation. Treasurer will email the board with the results of her investigation.

Motion (# 2) – moved by President Henshaw, no second required, to accept the policy change to Administration, Section 6.I.C that adds specific requirements for the conduct of online board meetings. **Adopted by unanimous vote (10 yes, 0 no)**

Having no further business, President Henshaw adjourned the meeting at 11:19 AM (PDT).

Submitted by

Nina D. Schloffel
AVVA National Secretary