

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Dillon at 3:30 PM

Calling in were:

Tom Brown, Vice President

Anthony Nagy, Secretary

Dan Groves, Treasurer

Wolfram Blattner, Past President

Terry Theiss, Member at Large

Mr. Dillon indicated the purpose of the meeting was to acquaint new officers with their duties within the organization and to discuss any current questions or concerns.

Mr. Brown brought up the subject that lack of reimbursement for out of pocket expenses may dampen the enthusiasm of volunteers to participate in the Coalition's activities. He stated that this was brought up to him by a potential volunteer and may affect the intentions of others.

Mr. Blattner stated that there is a policy, instituted in 2012, to reimburse \$0.35 per mile for trips over 50 miles. Various points were made by attendees that exceeding 50 miles in the DFW Metroplex was easily done and that there had been no complaints or use of the policy that could be recalled. Instances were recalled where reimbursement was made for hotel, parking, etc. for extended trips. These expenditures were preapproved by the then existing executive committee. Because of the very nature of the coalition it was decided that normal expenditures on behalf of its efforts are typically minimal and absorbed by the individual(s) involved. However in the event of more pushback by potential volunteers the policy would be reexamined. In the meantime the Executive Committee will continue to authorize reimbursement for any recognized extensive out of pocket expenses by its volunteers.

Mr. Blattner expressed concern regarding the schedule and preparation for the upcoming April 6th Symposium. Mr. Dillon announced speakers and his efforts to obtain additional speakers including a potential topic by newly elected coalition director, Wanda Strange. There is a need of a speaker that could address lifestyle for survivors. Mr. Dillon advised that he had sent a "Save The Date" e-mail reminders to the list of prior Symposium attendees from the last several years. Mr. Blattner expressed the desire for more timely and informative information from Symposium location host McKesson. Mr. Nagy inquired if the Irving Proton Center would be of assistance however it was expressed by Messrs. Dillon and Blattner that the connection between the two corporations is not that close. Mr. Dillon further advised that he would be sending out an email asking the various support group facilitators, and prior event volunteers, to share information about the upcoming Pate Swap Meet. He would also address the need for additional volunteers, and the need to contact Tom Brown if interested in working the Pate event.

Mr. Brown, who prepares the schedule of the coalition's activities and events, discussed distribution of the schedule to a wider audience in order to increase volunteer participation. This effort would require obtaining an e-mail list of survivors from the various support groups. Mr. Blattner indicated, to general agreement of the group, that because of the confidential nature of medical information such an effort could possibly be in violation of HIPAA electronic information security rules. Mr. Brown would still like to extend the reach of information to broaden the volunteer pool. Perhaps a way may be found but no ideas were forthcoming.

At this point the secretary, Mr. Nagy, expressed the need for more frequent face to face meetings of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Brown brought up coalition attendance at the kickoff meeting for the African American Health Expo (AAHE). This issue had been discussed informally earlier in the day and Mr. Brown wanted clarification. It had previously been determined to attend the Senior Synergy Kickoff and it seemed reasonable and equivalent to also attend the AAHE. A volunteer, Mr. Bob Williams, was mentioned as a potential attendee to the AAHE kickoff meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Blattner and seconded by Mr. Groves. The motion passed and the meeting concluded at 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Nagy

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Secretary

January 19, 2019

The pre-approved minutes were submitted to attendees on January 16, 2019 for additions and corrections. All additions and corrections are now incorporated and the minutes are therefore considered approved as of January 19, 2019.