

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA
Wednesday February, 22, 2017 10am-12pm
Walker Nature Center
Minutes

Attendees: Ron Tillman, Blythe Russian, Sarah Oberther, Kat Fish, Sheri Conrad, Kaveh Tajalli, Karen Brutshe, Cheri Danaher, Aubrey Lear, Michelle Alexander, Amy Maltese, Wes Tucker, Laura Kowalski, Dan Merenick, Kathy Blevins, Idalina Walker

Agencies Represented: Prince William Co., Loudoun, Reston CC, GMU, FCPA, Herndon, Falls Church, Reston Association, City of Fairfax, Vienna, NOVA Parks

- I. Call to Order:** by **Kat Fish** at 10:05 AM
- II. Introductions/Round Room**
- III. Review & Approval of Agenda** –motion to approve by **Blythe**, second by **Cheri**. Agenda Unanimously approved
- IV. Review & Approval of Minutes-** Minutes unanimously approved- Correction of Karen Brutshe in attendees.
- V. Treasurer's Report (Ron Tillman)** Reported bank balance made \$800 on the winter social, spent a little over \$400, money goes to funding scholarships.
- VI. Board Liaison Report: (Blythe) –**
 - Board met January 19th, meet again in April
 - Annual Conference October 21-24 in Hampton
 - 2019 Fairfax, Sheridan-Tysons Corner, September 7-10
 - Blythe is the Liaison again for NSA
 - La Tonya Turner, new president.
 - Send questions to Ask a board member, goes out to all board members
 - Foundation has a 1 million dollar endowment. If you would like to donate
- VII. Chairman's Report: (Kat Fish) –**
 - Think about joining the executive committee- will have 2 spots available for election this summer. Great way to get involved.
 - Executive committee met last month to go over work plan
 - Please let us know if you would like to help with anything
 - New this year, meetings with a purpose. Each meeting will have business for about 20-30 minutes and then a topic of discussion or a tour.
 - Please send any scholarship testimonials to the board. Why should people apply for a scholarship.
- VIII. Old Business**
 - Holiday Social had 33 attendees –Everyone had a great time.
- IX. New Business:**
 - Senior Resource Group Presentation, Karen Brutshe, Senior Resource Chair
 - Senior Resource group is for people working with older adults
 - September 21st at Reston CC will be a conference-Topics-How to get rid of “ageism”, how to speak to older adults, Living Inspired, focused=Empowered Professionals
 - There will be 2 morning sessions, a keynote speaker and 2 afternoon sessions

- Looking for a speaker on Accessibility and diversity with seniors.
- Check out the Senior Resource group Blog.

X. Subcommittees:

- Awards –Amy Maltese. Given out at conference. March 1st webinar on awards submissions tips and tricks on VRPS. Submission packet will be available soon.

XI. Next Meeting-April 26th @NRPA 10a-12p

XII. Discussion and Roundtable

XIII. Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 11:00. Some joined for a tour of the Walker Nature Center.

