

Museum of Vanning and Hall of Fame, Inc.
Minutes of Board Meeting
March 13, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Museum of Vanning and Hall of Fame, Inc. held a teleconferencing meeting on March 13, 2024. It was concurrently also an Executive Committee meeting. In attendance were Board Members; Joe Madonia, President, Bonnie Madonia, Secretary, Lynn Harmonson, Treasurer, as well as Officers of the Corporation; Larry Gibson, Financial Coordinator, Susie Martin, Member Coordinator; plus, Howard Furtak, Fundraising Advisor, Eric Walker, General Advisor and Bob Bulinda, Senior Advisor.

[This was a combined meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Any motion requiring Board approval was voted on only by Board members.]

Joe Madonia called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM EST.

Larry made a motion to wave the reading of the minutes of the meeting held February 13, 2024. Motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business

- Joe and Larry updated the Executive Committee on the Council of Council's meeting.
 - Only 21 councils were represented. However, the Saturday session to which Larry and Joe made presentations about the Museum was well attended. There were many questions from the audience, particularly for Joe. Both Joe and Larry are hopeful that they piqued some interest in possible volunteers.
 - We had five members renew and three new members signed up at the old prices after the meeting. Joe sold six of the new tumblers and some other merchandise while there.
 - Both presentations were recorded by Howard then downloaded and uploaded to YouTube, but the quality was not the best. Some of the slides were not viewable in the video because of technical difficulties with the projector and microphones were not the best either. We will decide if we will use these on the website after we get them loaded.
 - Next year's meeting will be in Baltimore, MD, but nothing is yet in place.
 - Eric asked the age of the people attending. Joe said it was the same old crowd other than the those from South Dakota who were younger. Eric asked if you considered getting a younger crowd and turning the event into a hall party or a regular event. Joe told him there was a party following the business meeting as well as a van show and other "contests". The winter meeting has moved around the country and has been hosted by both the Council and individual groups and clubs depending on the circumstances. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find hosts.
- Eric had a question about "What is the Council of Council's?" Joe took the lead in the discussion, explaining to Eric how the Councils works and why it was formed.
- Larry brought up the Museum hosting the Council of Council's.
 - Joe said that it has been mentioned before.
 - Committee members agreed that it would be good, but the hotel would have to be bigger than the one utilized for the Christmas Party.
 - Joe mentioned that the Council had approved holding the meeting anytime in the first quarter of the year.
 - Prices in March may be an issue in Florida.

- It was mentioned that the Museum would need some volunteers to help manage the event as well.
- Howard gave an update on the Hall of Fame.
 - He is currently considering using the Illinois Rock & Roll Museum Hall of Fame, where he is an assistant historian, as a model and applying it, with appropriate changes, to the Museum's Hall of Fame.
 - This is to be set up on our website, which Larry is looking into as a subsection of membership. By using the website, we can block multiple votes. Hopefully this will increase revenues by having more members that will want to vote, increase website activity, and draw more people to the Museum. Eric is a member of a Mopar museum and has contributed to Howard's ideas. The results are attached to these minutes.
- A "clean" picture of the Museum was taken and given to Larry to add to his presentation. Once the grass has grown in again after the Celebration Garden being redone, another picture will be taken.

New Business

- Larry proposed setting up three standing committees to lessen the need for the Board to meet so often. The committees will report to the Board at Board/Ex Comm meetings.
 - **Structure and Compliance**
This committee would be responsible for keeping track of legal obligations, taxes, policies and procedures, membership, statistics, annual reports, and any compliance necessary. Suggested committee members are Susie, Larry, and Eric.
 - **Fundraising, Publicity, and Volunteers**
This committee would be responsible for media including Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and TikTok, future brochures, fliers of all sorts, and acquiring and managing volunteers. Also possible new merchandise, if needed (not purchasing). Suggested committee members are Howard, Bobby, and Susie.
 - **Facilities and Collection**
This committee would be responsible for keeping an inventory of the physical plant and the collection as well as the displays, tracking and knowing when to order merchandise, getting merchandise to Nationals and other Truck-ins. Suggested committee members are Bob, Susie, and Larry
 - The executive committee unanimously approved the new standing committee arrangement.
- Larry is designing a flyer based on the article submitted to Jason Mattox's magazine suitable for distribution at vanning events. He will forward it to all concerned when it is finished.
- Larry suggested that the Executive Committee stop talking about our benefactor and use plural benefactors instead. This presents a more positive front regarding our support.

- Susie asked the Executive Committee to submit a bio on each member. Something short, to describe their personal background and vanning experience.

Next meeting was set for June 18, 2024 at 3:00 PM EST, just before the Van National's Truck-in in Greenfield, MA.

Meeting was adjourned by Joe at 5:14 PM EST.

Addendum

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NOMINATIONS

- Nominations are made through public surveys.
- A Nominations committee will review to ensure that the nominations meet the criteria for eligibility and that the nominations are placed into the appropriate categories.
- Final voting is done by Museum members.

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must have been active in vanning during the 20th century, which ended 12/31/2000. Continued participation is irrelevant.

CATEGORIES

- Vans
- Vanners
- Clubs/councils
- Vendors/builders
- Media/promoters

Nominations will be solicited throughout the year at any and all van events. The deadline for each year's nominees shall be voting by the members shall take place for 4 months after the close of nominations. The top 5 nominees in each category will be on an online ballot and available through the mail and on other social media. Each member may vote for one in each category, with the top 3 vote getters comprising that year's class of inductees. The enshrinement shall take place during Council of Councils whenever practical.