



Minutes for January 14, 2017

The January 14, 2017 Hearing Loss Association of America-Greater Richmond Chapter (HLAA-GR) meeting was called to order at 10:50 am at Beulah United Methodist Church, North Chesterfield, Virginia. Those in attendance included: Thom Casey, HLAA-GR Treasurer; Brenda Eggleston, HLAA-GR Secretary; Matt Eggleston, HLAA-GR Vice President; Sarah Eggleston; Cyndy Greenacre; Debbie Greenacre; John Greenacre; and Linda Wallace, HLAA-GR President.

Linda Wallace provided a brief summary regarding the Walk4Hearing event the group participated in on October 22, 2016.

Linda Wallace informed the group that the Chapter is once again able to accept dues and donations. Linda again thanked Thom Casey for all his efforts in obtaining the exemption from the VA Department of Agriculture.

Members were reminded that our next chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Beulah United Methodist Church on the 2nd floor of the Fellowship Hall. The topic for this meeting will be "Bring Your Favorite Assistive Hearing Device."

Discussion ensued regarding possible topics for future chapter meetings. Some of the ideas that were mentioned included ASL signs that can be used for survival/emergencies, hearing dogs, addressing balance issues through therapeutic yoga, and speech reading modules.

Kevin Mowen provided Linda Wallace with information earlier in the week on a presentation being held January 24, 2017 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Libby Mill Library located at 2100 Libbie Lake East St., Henrico, VA 23230. The topic for this presentation is Cochlear Implants.

Brenda Eggleston provided a brief summary on the File of Life and Yellow Dot Program. Information on the File of Life and Yellow Dot Program was provided to each member at the meeting and also placed on the informational table. Chesterfield County recognizes these two programs, the City of Richmond does not and it is currently unknown whether the County of Henrico recognizes the File of Life and Yellow Dot programs.

Linda Wallace mentioned that the chapter now has a new facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hlaarva>). Linda thanked John Greenacre for all his efforts on getting the facebook page up and running and also for agreeing to maintain the Chapter website (www.hlaagreaterrichmond.com). Linda suggested putting a copy of the flyer entitled "How to Buy a Hearing Aid" on the website. A suggestion was also made to advertise the Chapter Hospital Kit on the website.

The motion to accept the October 8, 2016 minutes as distributed was made, seconded and passed.

The motion to accept the October 8, 2016 treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed.

A motion to make a donation of \$50.00 to Beulah United Methodist Church for the use of the meeting room was made, seconded and passed.

Linda suggested having the chapter participate in the 2017 CBS Channel 6 Healthy Lifestyle Expo. Cyndy Greenacre agreed to find out the deadline for registering for Channel 6 Expo and what the registration cost is for participating in the Expo.

Discussion ensued regarding election of HLAA-GR 2017 Officers. Matt Eggleston nominated John Greenacre for Vice President. There were no further nominations from the floor. The motion to elect Linda Wallace for President, John Greenacre for Vice President, Thom Casey for Treasurer and Brenda Eggleston for Secretary was made, seconded and passed.

Linda Wallace discussed the Looping Initiative meeting that was held on November 14, 2016 at VDDHH. Following discussion, the motion to form a Looping Initiative Committee consisting of Thom Casey, John Greenacre, Larry Herbert-Chairman, and Kevin Mowen was made, seconded and passed.

Linda Wallace mentioned that new improved PockeTalker 2.0 is now available. An app, which allows the user to locate looping systems, is available at loopfinder.com and Apple.com. Debbie Greenacre provided the group with information on a sound bar that goes in front of the TV and a boogie board (similar to the old etch a sketch devices from the 1970's). The boogie board can be used in hospitals and other areas where it is hard to hear. The boogie board is available from Sam's Club for approximately \$20.00.

Linda Wallace informed the members that the date for the 2017 VDDHH Focus Group meeting has changed. The Focus Group meeting is being held on April 29, 2017 this year. Time TBD. This annual event takes the place of a regular HLAA-GR meeting. The Focus Group topic this year is Hearing Aids.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Eggleston
Secretary HLAA-GR Chapter