

Partners Board Meeting  
July 6, 2021

The board meeting was called to order at 0730 by Jan Weisensale. The WHA Auxiliary prayer was read. Roll call was taken. Ginger Arms excused. Lucy Cornford attended as guest. CEO revised to Chris Brophy. The secretary report was reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Ruth seconded by Marlene. Motion carried. Treasurer's report for May and June reviewed and filed for audit.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: 78 paid members. 6 members will be sent reminder letter for past dues.

CHE: Discussed Covid 19 and current CDC recommendations.

PPE: Jan discussed report from WHA: "While WHA continues to support congressional efforts to resolve balance 'surprise billing', congress should remove the component that creates a government set benchmark rate for hospitals, as it is unnecessary to protect patients and will only serve to enrich insurers at the expense of hospitals and patients. Please request that leadership strip the median in network benchmark rate from this package before moving it to the floor." Ellen noted that CAHs have been critical in meeting the needs of Covid patients and there has been less criticism of them by governmental agencies.

Hospital Report: Chris Brophy will be invited to attend meetings.

Foundation: Sasha reported that the Foundation Board continues to meet virtually with in person option. The Foundation has approved \$22,000 of requests. The Radmacher scholarship was given to Chelsea Carlson. Funding was given to the water birth program equipment for cardiac rehab, scholarships for Healthy Hearts Program for patients that have a financial need and contributions were made to purchase PPE. The Golf Classic is planned for September 15th as an in-person event with funds going to the ER department for equipment and training needs. Sasha discussed the Livin Well Event being held at hospital on September 11th. There will be vendors, petting zoo, Dash for Dells contest and several more activities.

Volunteer Coordinator: Gift Shop financials reviewed. Kwik Trip cards have been selling well. 50 were ordered with 12 left. Shawna will investigate special deals for gas cards to maximize profits. The RR1 popcorn fund raiser was put on hold since there was a uniform sale June 29. Preliminary report is \$2470.75 in profits with our commission at 10%. Nutman Sale is scheduled for July 28 and 29. Shawna noted she plans to take vacation August 26 through September 6th. 3 people are needed for the Scholarship Committee. Ruth and Chris volunteered to serve on this committee. It was determined not to pay for advertising for 3rd position. Increase in some of canteen items discussed. Shawna thanked members for their work. Volunteers for the Gift Shop are still needed. We have been asked to keep the Gift Shop open September 11th for the Livin Well Event. Plan to have an increase in promotional events in Gift Shop. There are instructions in binder on how to discount items. Alice Kirschbaum needs to be reimbursed for the interfacing for the Memory Huggable project.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Annual Luncheon Meeting - Discussed date for Annual Meeting. There is a capacity of 30 members in George Family Conference Room. Plan to inquire about having picnic outside with tentative date of August 17th or August 16th if picnic not approved. Meeting will be held at noon. Revised by-laws will need to be sent out 2 weeks prior to meeting. We will need RSVP for meeting attendance.
2. Nominations for Board Replacements:. Marlene and Pat are going off the Board. Ginger has asked to be on leave for now. Rita has asked not to be treasurer. Plan to ask Patty Bailey to join the Board and to see if she is willing to be treasurer. Lucy Cornford will join the Board and Iva Mulhern has agreed to join the Board. Ruth Skelly has agreed to serve as Vice President,. Jan will stay on as President and Ellen will serve as Secretary. Slate of officers and new board members will be presented at Annual Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Funding Request: Maria Mathis Clinic Director discussed the OB program and providers. Dr. Kris Huber Family Practice OB provider will be joining the clinic. She is fluent in Spanish. Maria requested Partners purchase 100 stainless steel water bottles for OB patients. Ruth made motion to purchase 100 water bottles at a cost of \$2150 seconded by Chris. Motion carried.
2. WAVE Award: Plan to submit "Memory Huggable" project for Wave Award in 2022. The Award is given at Partners State Convention.
3. Blood Drive: Blood drive is scheduled for July 30th and will be held in George Family Conference Room.

## **Upcoming Events:**

1. Blood Drive - Blood drive is scheduled for July 30th
2. Annual Meeting: Meeting will be held August 16th in George Conference Room or August 17th on hospital patio. Meeting will be at noon.

Lights for all Seasons:

Donald Heiring

Margaret Wachter

Krissy Colson

Dr. Roger Radamacher

Motion to adjourn by Ellen seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Annual meeting August 16 or 17, 2021