

**The Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center
General Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2016**

The meeting began at 11:51 a.m. Debra Beck welcomed everyone to the meeting

The Rev. Tommy Rogers gave the Invocation

Debra Beck asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7th meeting. The minutes were approved.

Stevie Boggess introduced Beth Volin, MD and Anna Spagnoli, MD.

Stevie encouraged members present to contribute the Woman's Board gift card drive. The Woman's Board office is accepting donations for Rush Shelters. \$1,700 was collected by the gift card drive in 2015.

Dr. Beth Volin is the liaison for the Board's Women and Children's Hospital committee. She is the Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Vice Chair for Innovation in Rush's Department of Pediatrics. She coordinates the distribution of gift cards to area shelters.

Dr. Anna Spagnoli is a Professor of Pediatrics at Rush and a leader in pediatric endocrinology. She is leading a major initiative to rebrand and refocus Rush University Children's Hospital.

Marianne Berger and Catherine King announced that Mel Robbins will be the 2017 Spring Luncheon Speaker. Mel is currently one of CNN's most popular on-air commentators and opinion writers and has appeared as an expert on Oprah, Dr. Phil, Dr. Oz, Fox News and Good Morning America where she shares her provocative and compelling views on leadership, courage, and human potential. She is best known for delivering one of the most popular TED Talk's, attracting more than 10 million views across 37 countries and garnering her international attention. Mel is also a 3rd generation entrepreneur and is the owner/operator of a multi-million dollar business.

The luncheon will be held at the Hilton Chicago on May 11th, 2017. The Hilton is a new location for the Spring Luncheon – the Ritz Carlton is undergoing a major renovation that will not be complete until July 2017. The Hilton can accommodate many more guests than the Ritz so please plan to attend and bring friends and family.

Elizabeth Bigelow reported that the Membership Committee is working on our 2017 new member class. Woman's Board members are encouraged to contact Elizabeth to recommend candidates. Membership proposals are must be submitted to Elizabeth by January 7th, 2017. Elizabeth also announced that Stephanie Hyman has resigned from the Woman's Board as she has moved away from the area.

Debra Beck encouraged those present to support the Woman's and Children's gift card drive and to do some holiday shopping at the Holiday Boutique. She also announced that Tribute Tree gifts can be made in Woman's Board office or by mailing in the contribution card.

Debra announced that there will be a January Executive Committee meeting – a meeting notice will be sent soon. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on the December 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Debra thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and blessed New Year! There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colby Gaines
Recording Secretary