

The Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2016

**I. Welcome** **Mary McCarthy**

The meeting began at 11:35 am. Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**II. Invocation** **Rev. Clayton Thomason**

**III. Lunch**

**IV. Introduction of Dr. Michelle Sergel and Mike Kremer PhD**  
**Brooke Kuehnle**

Dr. Michelle Sergel, FACEP, MD is the Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Cook County Hospital. She is Co-Director, Rush Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation.

Dr. Michael Kremer, CRNA, PHD, FAAN is the Professor and Director, Nurse Anesthesia Program and Co-Director of Rush Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation.

**V. Approval of December Minutes** **Mary McCarthy**

Mary asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved.

**VI. Spring Luncheon** **Melissa Hennessy**

a. Melissa reports many of the tables have already sold out and there are four VIP tables left.

b. Office has received an email from Mrs. Bush discussing possible talking points. Some ideas she likes to cover are:

- Life in the White House
- 911 and how it changed things for her and country
- Stories of her life pre and post politics

There will be a Q & A portion of the program. Please submit to the office any questions you would like to have proposed to Mrs. Bush.

c. Looking for more people to help with day of needs: Need people to help with VIP and pictures. Ushering guests to photos & hold purses while photo is taken etc. Would only need 20-minute increments.

Please call Jennifer Veloso if you can help.

**VII. Nominating Committee** **Mary McCarthy**

Ruthie Beam reports still confirming their Candidate for President. Will have a person named for next month's meeting.

## **VIII. Member Stewardship**

**Kate Peterson**

- Kate is the Chair of this new 2-year-old committee which helps new members of the Board get acquainted with how the committees work.
- Kate will be having a house party for all members and their spouses on June 16<sup>th</sup> at her home. This will be a casual party. More details to come later.

## **IX. Fashion Show**

**Mindy Kelly**

- Kick off meeting for Committee Chairs was held at Mindy's house.
- Still looking to fill Committees. Anyone interested please call Mindy, Susan Merlin or Anne Tucker.
- Looking how to integrate vets into the Fashion Show.
- Lindsey Axel is working hard on Corporate Sponsorship. Please contact Lindsey with any leads you may have.
- Wounded Warrior network is putting Road Home front and center and Rush is getting a lot of press because of this.

## **X. 2015 Tribute Tree Report**

**Malou Rawls**

1,600 solicitations were mailed the week of 11/16; we received contributions totaling \$9,300 in support of the 2015 Woman's Board Tribute Tree. This is the highest year ever and it is due to a very generous donation from a Woman's Board member.

The tree was located in the Gift Shop with signage. The visibility will be increased next year.

There were 55 donors and 31 of those are Woman's Board members. We received contributions from Illinois and four other states. We continue to pick up new donors as we lose some.

The 12-year gross total is \$76,185.

The mailing goes to everyone who has contributed to the Woman's Board events in the last year and to the Tribute Tree in the last five years; also to the members and the Trustees.

The funds are unrestricted and are used for general operations and/or for annual appropriations.

The printing costs this year were high at \$4,667; there will be no printing costs for the 2016 mailing. The postage for the solicitation, postcard acknowledgement to the recipient and tax information letter was \$882. Catherine Kenyon was instrumental in getting this out and overseeing the results; she hit the deck running. She has ideas for 2016 and we thank her for her diligence, enthusiasm and contribution.

Malou suggests that names be culled from the list for the 2016 mailing.

## **XI. Yearbook Corrections**

**Mary McCarthy**

- Mindy Kelly added as FS Chair, Benefit Policy and Finance Committees
- Susan Wright added to Mental Well-Being Committee
- Susie Healey – Vice Chair Woman’s and Children’s Hospital
- Mary Pascale resigned from Veteran’s Committee
- Courtney McEniry has changed back to her maiden name Johnson and changed her email to [courtneyjohnson822@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyjohnson822@gmail.com)
- Kay O’Malley has resigned from the Board
- Mimi Pacelli has updated her email to [Pacelli.mimi@gmail.com](mailto:Pacelli.mimi@gmail.com)
- Freddie Pederson has resigned from the Board
- Maureen Smith’s permanent address is 71 N. Beach Road Hobe Sound, FL 33455

## **XII. Announcements**

**Mary McCarthy**

- Tribute Tree: \$9,300, 65 Donors
- Road Home Honor Cards: \$2,000
- Woman and Children’s Holiday Gift Drive: \$1,699 in gift cards, \$685 in donations
- Stock Gifts – please contact the office
- Appropriation Requests will be due April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Committees need to meet with hospital departments and outreach liaisons
- Office news: Jennifer Veloso is back

## **XIII. Meetings**

March 7<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup>, Finance Meeting in Room 543  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, New Member Orientation  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, Spring Luncheon at the Ritz Carlton

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Fitzgerald  
Recording Secretary