

**The Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center
General Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2017**

I. Welcome **Debra Beck**

The meeting began at 11:30 a.m. and Debra welcomed everyone.

II. Invocation

III. Lunch

IV. Introduction of Dr. David Ansell & Darlene Hightower **Stevie Boggess**

V. Approval of Minutes **Debra Beck**

Debra asked for a motion to approve the May minutes. The minutes were approved.

VI. Revisions **Mary Pearlman**

Mary reviewed the three changes to the bylaws that had been approved by the Executive Committee and distributed via email to the membership.

1. Fashion Show Committee change of name – It was recommended that the current Fashion Show Committee name be changed to Fall Benefit Committee to be consistent with our fundraising activities and the duties of that committee. No other changes are recommended for this committee at this time.
2. Duties of Officers – It was recommended that the designation of the Historian be deleted from the duty of the President and Executive Vice President Administration. With the reinstatement of the Historical Committee, this position will be appointed by the Committee-on-Committees.
3. Creation of the Contributor Committee – It was recommended that a Contributor Committee be created. This committee will be one of several Benefit Committees. This new committee shall oversee the annual appeal to donors. In addition, it shall update and maintain the donor database on an ongoing basis.

VII. Finance **Melissa Iserloth**

The annual Appropriations meeting was held on April 25th at the Woman's Athletic Club. The Finance Committee recommended appropriations of \$439,283, of which \$32,003 came from the Junior Board. (A list of the recommended appropriations is included at the end of this document.)

Additionally, \$520,000 was appropriated to the Woman's Board principal project, The

Road Home. The Auxiliary Board appropriated \$84,000 to the Road Home and the Junior Board appropriated a total of \$21,500 to The Road Home. The total amount appropriated to The Road Home was \$625,500.

The appropriations recommendations made by the Finance Committee were seconded and approved.

Debra thanked Mary McCarthy, immediate Past President, Melissa Hennessy and Samantha Schwalm, 2016 Spring Luncheon chairs, and Mindy Kelly, Susan Merlin and Anne Tucker, 2016 Fashion Show chairs, and the Gift Shop staff, led by Sue Vargas and Christine McKinney, for their success in making this significant level of giving possible.

VIII. Presentation of Checks

Debbie Frei and Justine Cody presented a check from the Auxiliary Board for \$84,000 and Katelyn Cody and Elly Cudmore presented a check for \$60,003 from the Junior Board (which also included a \$6,500 gift for lung cancer research).

Debra thanked Debbie, Justine, Elly and Katelyn for all of their hard work and congratulated them on their successful fundraising efforts.

IX. Presentation of the 2016 Principal Project Commitment

**Mary McCarthy
Melissa Hennessy
Samantha Schwalm**

Mary, Melissa and Samantha presented Dr. Pollack with a letter summarizing the contribution made by the Woman's Board to The Road Home Program. This contribution includes the funds raised by the Auxiliary Board and the Junior Board. Dr. Pollack thanked everyone for this extraordinary gift and expressed his gratitude for the efforts of the Woman's Board, the Auxiliary Board and the Junior Board.

X. Spring Luncheon

**Marianne Berger
Catherine King**

The Spring Luncheon was held on May 11th at The Hilton Chicago and over \$90,000 was raised. It was a successful day for the Woman's Board and the Medical Center. Dr. Larry Goodman, Rush CEO, spoke and Debra Beck introduced Mel Robbins. More than 500 guests enjoyed the luncheon and program. Mel inspired the audience and was very well received. Mel pledged a gift from the stage and presented it to the chairs before she departed.

Debra thanked Catherine and Marianne for all of their hard work and congratulated them on the event's success.

XI. Fall Benefit

Pam Fitzgerald

Plans for GLOW, the 2017 Fall Benefit, are proceeding well. The dinner is to be held on Friday, November 3rd, 2017 at The Art Institute of Chicago, Modern Wing. The office is

accepting reservations. More information is on the website at thewomansboard.org

Melissa Skoog will serve as Production Manager for the event. The Fall Benefit Committee attended a site visit at The Art Institute on May 25th with the Production team. This walk through allowed the committee to firm up plans for the evening - Gallery viewing will take place after dinner, along with the post- dinner celebration. Judy Sickle with Forward Design, will again be handling graphic design.

Thanks to all members who have sent Contributor Letters. If you were not able to attend one of the addressing session, you may stop by the office to sign your letters.

Pam is recruiting volunteers for the Program Book committee to make follow up phone calls. She asked that women think of vendors and personal connections to contact for program book ads. The office has the new advertising agreement. The importance of the program book was emphasized. Additional volunteers are needed to oversee valet parking and the committee is looking for raffle items.

XII. Announcements

Debra Beck

Debra reported the sad news that Woman's Board member Sharon Sweeney passed away unexpectedly last week. The office will be sending out the details of the service.

She also reminded members that Dues are to be paid by September 1 and that Chapel & Flower and Board Members Fund contributions may also be made with dues payments.

She reminded members that Committee Chair reports are due on August 1 and Officer's reports are due on September 1.

XIII. Events & Meetings

Debra Beck

June 6th - The Road Home Gala will be held at the Four Seasons.

June 30th – Gift Shop inventory

July 13th – All Woman's Board Summer party at Kate Peterson's home in Kenilworth.

September 12th – Meeting at Indian Hill Club

XIV. Adjourn

Debra Beck

Debra wished everyone a wonderful summer. There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Kenyon, for Colby Gaines

Addendum - Appropriations Recommended and Approved:

The Finance Committee recommended appropriations of \$439,283 - \$407,280 from the Woman's Board and \$32,003 from the Junior Board.

The Junior Board's appropriated \$32,003 as follows:

- \$4,253 to Community Outreach to provide health care in Access Clinics
- \$7,000 to Rush Day School for the The Secret Garden In My Brain project – which they have fully funded from start to finish
- \$3,750 to the Cancer Center in honor of Michelle Thompson
- \$2,000 to Volunteer Services for Comfort Care Pediatric Cancer Bags
- \$5,000 to KIDSHIP for medical care for children and youth in homeless shelters
- \$5,000 to the Department of Religion, Health & Human Values for Memorial Services for Families – in honor of Nat Davis
- \$2,500 to Books Build Better Brains
- \$2,500 to Reach Out and Read

The Woman's Board appropriated \$407,280 as follows:

- \$45,747 to Community Outreach to fund Haymarket, Access Clinics mentioned above, Back to School Health Fairs in the 27th ward, the Pipeline program to teach youth to become healthcare advocates.
- \$69,209 to RNBC for Spanish Language VESIP, an avatar-based social simulation assessment.
- \$88,500 for assistance to Rush patients and their families in need of transportation, medication, food, housing and parking.
- \$33,000 to the College of Nursing for annual supplies, barrier-free exam table and breast pump kits.
- \$25,712 to IMD Guest House for pull-out sofa beds and new black out shades.
- \$22,312 to the Cancer Treatment Center for tablets for distress screenings.
- \$13,500 for Religion, Health & Human Values for Chapel flowers, literature and memorial services.
- \$5,000 to Volunteer Services for the Diversional Activity Craft Program, Volunteer Recognition event and Woman's Board scholarships.
- \$10,300 to Clinical Nursing for to support programs that help the nursing staff feel empowered and responsive to abusive behavior.
- \$50,000 to Mental Well-Being for Grand Round speakers and Public Education programs.
- \$29,000 to Women's and Children's Hospital for the Kids-Shelter Health Improvement Project, Reach Out and Read, Books Build Better Brains and the Premie Picnic.
- \$15,000 for Hospital Operations.