

**The Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center
General Meeting
February 6th, 2017**

I. Welcome **Debra Beck**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

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

III. Lunch

IV. Introduction - Dr. K. Ranga Rama Krishnan **Stevie Boggess**

Dr. Krishnan is the Dean of Rush Medical College, Sr. Vice President of Rush University Medical Center. Chairman of Duke Psychiatry Dept. 1998-2009. He has also served as Dean of Duke National University of Singapore Graduate Medical School.

Dr. Krishnan discussed medical education and active learning.

V. Approval of December Minutes **Debra Beck**

Debra asked for a motion to approve meeting minutes for December 5, 2016. The minutes were approved.

VI. 2016 Tribute Tree report **Stevie Boggess**

1300 solicitations were mailed the week of November 7; we received contributions totaling \$8,065 in support of the 2016 Woman's Board Tribute Tree.

The tree was located near the Gift Shop with signage. Debra Beck and Catherine Kenyon will meet with hospital officials to discuss how to increase visibility for next year.

There were 56 donors and of those 24 were Woman's Board members. We received contributions from Illinois and four other states.

The 13-year gross total is \$84,250

The cost for this year's mailing was \$1,302 (postage, post card and folding).

Stevie thanked all Board members who support this effort as well as Jennifer Veloso and Catherine Kenyon.

VII. Women's and Children's Hospital

Stevie Boggess

Stevie reported on behalf of Christine Norton. \$2,265 in Holiday gift cards were collected and distributed to nearby neighborhood shelters and those in need. This amount was double that of 2015.

VIII. Spring Luncheon

Marianne Berger

The Spring Luncheons will be held on Thursday, May 11th at The Chicago Hilton.

Marianne presented a short video of keynote speaker - Mel Robbins. Mel is an expert on leadership, a best-selling author and a motivational powerhouse, who happens to have a special connection to our Mental Health principal project this year.

The Board of Trustees and Dept. Heads at Rush are being invited – please purchase your tickets as soon as possible - different levels for seating are available.

Board members should have received an electronic invitation.

Debra Beck thanked Marianne and Catherine King and announced they are working to secure an underwriter for the speaker and or luncheon or any other costs associated with the event.

IX. Auxiliary

Debbie Frei

Debbie Frei is the new president.

Dana Fallon is the new vice president.

2017 Cook's Tour - Chairs Heather Martin and Nora Larkin have secured four homes for the tour.

The annual Cook's Tour is set for Wednesday, Sept. 27th

Junior Board - The Holiday Tea and Boutique in December was a huge success. It was held at the Sunset Ridge Country Club and netted \$30,000.

The 2017 Fashion Show will be Saturday, May 20th at The Kenilworth Club. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

Volunteering continues nearly every weekend at the Rush and at other outreach centers.

X. Fall Benefit

Pamela Fitzgerald

Debra Beck announced that exec voted to shift the direction of the Fashion Show to a Fall Benefit/Party format that will celebrate the Woman's Board's fashion heritage without producing an actual show.

Debra asked 2017 Fall Benefit Chair, Pam Fitzgerald, to report on the plans for the event.

Pam has been working hard researching venues. The event will have a new format and may include the following:

- Thursday or Friday evening event (depending on venue availability)
- Cocktail/heavy appetizer party (perhaps dinner)
- Electronic giving opportunities including "Fund a Need", raffle and or silent auction
- Attract a wider range of attendees - groups, couples, corporate supporters
- Video featuring the principal project
- Mix of casual seating arrangements - lounge areas, small tables and highboys
- Live entertainment may be included
- An acknowledgment of our fashion heritage may be included in the form of fashion vignettes and decor
- Opportunities to learn more about the Medical Center (including tours of the hospital and or access to presentations by RUMC specialists) may be offered to sponsors and major contributors

Dates are currently on hold at various venues starting in late September - early November.

Please call Pam with any thoughts or ideas you may have.

Debra thanked Exec and Benefit Policy for the extraordinary amount of time and work dedicated in making this important decision.

XI. Announcements

Debra Beck

- March 6th - Board meeting
- March 14th - Finance meeting, room 543
- Appropriations requests are due March 24th
- Marcia Hines is hosting the New Member Coffee on April 10th at her home
- Appropriations meeting on April 25th - Woman's Athletic Club
- May 1st - Board meeting
- May 11th - Spring Luncheon - Chicago Hilton

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colby Gaines
Recording Secretary