

The Woman's Board
Rush University Medical Center
General Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018

Attendees: Paget Bahr, Debra S. Beck, Marianne S. Berger, Elizabeth H. Bigelow, Sarah E. Bogan, Stevie R. Boggess, Caroline G. Burns, Katie Comstock, Judith L. Cook, Peggy Crowe, Marletta F. Darnall, Jill Erwin, Annie Flanagan, Victoria C. Frank, Colby Gaines, Tricia Hagenah, Sharon C. Hayes, Susie Healey, Anne W. Healy, Karen Henderson, Wendy Herb, Karen W. Howell, Kathleen Hull, Melinda M. Hurley, Melissa G. Iserloth, Phyllis J. Josephson, Eileen Kasten, Jennifer Keenan, Melinda M. Kelly, Catherine J. King, Kristin N. Koepfgen, Kay Krehbiel, Sarah Lamphere, Anne S. Loucks, Lenore Macdonald, Elizabeth Maier, Cindy C. Mancillas, Susan R. Matejka, Mary McCarthy, Ann McDermott, Mimi C. Mitchell, Beth A. Myers, Suzanne Nelson, Julie Newell, Cindy D. Nicolaides, Katie J. Palmer, Mary O. Pearlman, Kate H. Peterson, Barbie F. Potter, Karen C. Reid, Emily Reynolds, Erin Ritchie, Missy C. Romanoff, Erica Sandner, LJ Savarie, Samantha Schwalm, Sonja N. Smith, Gwen G. Solberg, Chase Stevenson, Gillian S. Stoettner, Suzy Thompson, Anne C. Tucker, Adrienne H. Weisenberger, Holly Wilson

I. Welcome Cindy Nicolaides

The meeting began at 10:43 am. Cindy welcomed both Board's to the joint meeting and thanked everyone in the gift shop for setting up the holiday boutique. The boutique will remain open after the meeting.

I. Approval of November Meeting Minutes Cindy Nicolaides

Cindy asked for approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved. Cindy invited Melissa to the podium to introduce the guest speakers.

II. Introduction of Speakers Darlene Hightower and Sharon Gates Melissa Iserloth

Melissa introduced speakers Darlene Hightower, Association Vice President for the Office of Community Engagement and Practice (Office), and Sharon Gates, Senior Director of Rush Community Service Initiative Program (RCSIP).

Darlene made brief remarks on the 2016 equity strategy, and how it changed the mission for the Office to include a broader definition of community. Darlene thanked the Women's Board for their support.

Sharon thanked Cindy Nicolaides, the Women's Board, Katie Palmer and her Committee, the Junior Auxiliary Board and Mrs. Karen Reid for their support and funding. Although RCSIP has been operating for 30 years, Sharon and Darlene continue to pursue new strategies and expansion opportunities for student community service. Sharon presented a comprehensive overview of the

breadth and impact of RCSIP and an update on new initiatives. Sharon explained several community service programs offered by RCSIP for over 2,000 students with specific examples.

Cindy thanked Darlene and Sharon. Cindy invited Debra and Samantha to provide a recap of the fall benefit.

- III. Fall Benefit 2018 Samantha Schwalm and
Debra Beck

Samantha thanked attendees, contributors and committee members for supporting the fall benefit. The benefit was a success in terms of the band, menu and surpassing the fundraising goal. Samantha passed the "Anything is Possible" dish to the new fall chairs.

Debra congratulated Sam for her creativity and hard work in organizing the Evening of Whimsy event. Debra thanked women's board members who supported the event.

Cindy invited Gwen and Anne to present on the Spring Luncheon.

- IV. Spring Luncheon 2019 Anne Louks and
Gwen Solberg

Anne thanked Cindy, Jennifer and Catherine for their help with this event. The Spring Luncheon is scheduled for May 7, 2019 and is returning to the Hilton Chicago. One benefit to the Hilton's ballroom as a venue is that there are no size constraints.

The first female to be elected President of Ireland (1990-1997), Mary Robinson, is the Spring Luncheon Speaker. President Robinson served as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002; she is a member of Nelson Mandela's Council of Elders, an educator and advocate on climate change, and an author; President Robinson was awarded the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009 by Barack Obama for her work, and she now leads a foundation devoted to climate justice. A short video interview with President Robinson was presented as an introduction to Spring Luncheon Speaker Mary Robinson.

Gwen reported that the Spring Luncheon website is up and that Jennifer has forms if needed. Sponsorship and table purchase forms were distributed to attending members.

Cindy reminded the Board that they could buy their tables today. She then invited the 2019 fall benefit chairs to the podium.

- V. Fall Benefit 2019 Colby Gaines,
Susie Healey and
Buffy Maier

Colby announced the Fall Benefit is the first Friday after Labor Day, September 6, 2019. The venue is Theater on the Lake at 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive. The venue is convenient, flexible and overlooks

Lake Michigan. The format and theme will be a summer night on the lake, with a cocktail party, bar and stage. There is plenty of space for seating and will include a bar and outdoor space. They are filling committees and welcome anyone interested in participating on a committee. They thanked those who have already agreed to serve. The kickoff meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 15, 2019 at 10:00 at Cindy Nicolaides home. Colby asked that anyone who has ideas or connections for Sponsorships please let one of the chairs know.

Susie stated that the Theater can accommodate many guests and asked the Board to get the word out about this late summer evening event in Chicago. She thanked the Board for helping to move forward with event and hopes everyone can be involved.

Buffy thanked the women's board members that preceded them in hosting successful events over the years.

Cindy reminded everyone the Fall Benefit committee sign-up sheets are on the tables, please add your name and sign up.

Cindy invited Emily up to the podium to discuss membership.

VI. Membership Committee

Emily Reynolds

Emily reported the membership committee has been working hard and thanked Cindy, Debra and Elizabeth for answering her questions. There is a robust list of names and the committee will continue to take suggested names through the end of December. Please call or email Emily the names of women who love Rush, are passionate and can give their time to the board. Emily will reach out with next steps after December.

Cindy thanked Emily and her committee for their hard work.

Cindy invited Heather and Dana from the Winnetka Auxiliary to the podium.

VII. Junior Auxiliary Board

Heather Pigott
Dana Fallon

Heather thanked the Board and *Sue*, Michelle and Catherine for their support for the Junior Board.

Dana advised that the Junior Board's biggest fundraiser is the upcoming Holiday Tea on Sunday, December 9 at Sunset Ridge Country Club. She thanked the Board for their support of the Holiday Boutique and reminded the group that the goods are all hand made by the auxiliary girls and all funds support Rush.

Cindy thanked Heather and Dana and Leslie Graham, who hosted the craft making in her home, for their support of the girls and their fundraising work.

VIII. Announcements

- Katie Palmer and Outreach Committee are welcoming additional committee members.
- Tribute Tree Solicitations were mailed in November, see Catherine or go online to honor someone special.
- The Holiday Boutique will continue after the meeting.
- Woman's and Children's Holiday Gift Card Drive is today, there are red baskets on tables for gift cards. Also, Susie and Catherine are available to accept donations by credit card and cash after the meeting.
- Last week the Volunteer Activities Committee met to make over 100 bags for Cancer Care and Pediatric Care; if you would like to get volunteer experience the committee will meet again in February and would love to have you join them, please contact Laura Thompson.
- Veterans Committee will meet in Herrick Room after today's meeting. You may take your lunch. Also, if you aren't on a committee and would like to join this committee please feel free to attend today's meeting.
- Finance committee will meet in the hospital at 10:30 next Tuesday.
- Fall Benefit 2019 kickoff meeting will take place on January 15th at Cindy's home.
- Next Board meeting is February, and noted that it is the first night meeting and will be held at the Glen View Club. The Executive Committee meets at 6:00 pm and the General Meeting will start at 7:00 pm.
- There is no January Board Meeting.
- Spring Luncheon date is May 7, 2019.
- Fall Benefit date is September 6, 2019.

IX. Adjournment

Cindy Nicolaides

Cindy thanked the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Sandner
Recording Secretary