

**The Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center  
General Meeting  
February 5th, 2018**

- I. Welcome** **Debra Beck**  
The meeting began at 11:37 a.m. Debra welcomed members and thanked them for attending.
- II. Invocation** **Rev. Tommy Roberts**
- III. Lunch**
- IV. Introduction of Dr. Anthony Perry** **Stevie Boggess**  
Dr. Perry is VP for ambulatory transformation at RUMC. He is focused on two central endeavors: Delivering major ambulatory facilities to Rush's Satellite, South Loop and Oak Brook locations along with a new ambulatory destination center at Rush as well as ambulatory care programs throughout the Rush system ranging from leading operations in community based practices to implementation of new care models. Dr. Perry previously served as Chief Medical Officer for Rush University Medical Group and as a Geriatric Medicine physician. Dr. Perry is a graduate of the University of Scranton. He received his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and completed his internal medicine residency, chief residency and geriatric medicine and fellowship at RUMC. He and his wife live in Riverside with their three children.
- V. Approval of the Minutes** **Debra Beck**  
Debra asked for a motion to approve the December minutes. The minutes were approved.
- VI. Tribute Tree and Woman's & Children's Card Drive** **Stevie Boggess**  
Stevie reported on behalf of Malou Rawls.

1300 solicitations were mailed the week of November 6, 2017. The WB received contributions totaling \$8,730.

The tree was located near the Gift Shop with signage. There will be discussion about the location of the tree for 2018.

There were 62 donors and a slight majority of the donors were WB members; the remainder is consistent donors who participate in this personal tribute. We received contributions from Illinois and four other states.

The 14-year gross total is \$92,980.

These are the latest figures and have been updated since Malou received two gifts on January 31, 2018 that were not part of her original report.

The Tribute Tree mailing is sent to everyone who has contributed to WB events in the last year and to the Tribute Tree in the last five years; it is also sent to all Women's Board members and RUMC Trustees.

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

Administrative expenses totaled \$1,975 – these were the costs of designing and printing the new materials. The new design and wording was a success.

In her report, Malou expressed gratitude to all of the members who support this effort and Debra, Catherine and Jennifer.

**Woman's and Children's 2017 Gift Card Drive:**

Stevie reported on behalf of Susie Healy and Stephanie Byrd.

\$2350 was raised and gift cards were distributed in small denominations to women and children in shelters and those in need.

Stevie thanked the WB members for their support and for their help in topping last year's amount.

Debra thanked Malou, Susie and Stephanie.

## **VII. Spring Luncheon**

**Lindsey Axel**

Lindsey announced the Spring Luncheon is sold out! The date is May 3rd in the newly-renovated ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton. Dr. Madeleine K. Albright is the speaker.

Graff will host a kick-off party on February 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Graff, 103 Oak Street. A few special pieces of jewelry have been flown in from London and will be showcased at the event. Husbands and friends are welcome. Complimentary valet will be available.

Terlato Wines will donate the wine for the Spring Luncheon.

Debra thanked Lindsey and Kate for organizing a great event.

## **VII. Fall Benefit**

**Sam Schwalm**

The Fall Benefit plans are moving forward. The date is Oct. 19 and the event will be held at The Art Institute of Chicago.

The event will be on one level starting in the Board of Trade Room (enter on Columbus Drive). Guests will then move into Griffin Court where dinner will be served. The Post Party will be held back in the Board of Trade Room. Valet parking will be available at the Columbus Drive entrance.

Sam is currently working on securing sponsors for the event. ITW has already signed on to be a sponsor. Buffy Maier is the sponsorship Chair. Please contact Buffy, Sam or Debra with your sponsorship ideas.

A committee sign-up sheet is being passed around. Please sign up to be on a committee or two. The Ambassador Committee, in particular, has been created to help get the word out about the event and is perfect for members who may find themselves a little busier this year, yet still want to be involved.

The Kick-Off meeting will be held at the WAC at 10 a.m. on February 21.

Sam is also working on raffle and trying to come up with some fun and unique raffle items. Please call her with ideas.

A student from the REACH program will speak at the event and share a success story.

Debra thanked Sam for her hard work on the Fall Benefit.

**IX. Auxiliary Update**

**Dana Fallon**

Officers and committee chairs will be announced at February meeting, scheduled for next week.

The 2018 Cook's Tour will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

The Junior Board is now accepting names of young women who are interested in joining the Board. Candidates for membership must currently be freshman and reside in New Trier Township. Please forward names of interested young women to Katy Kilborne by March 16.

The Junior Board's 2018 Annual Fashion Show will be held on April 29 at the Kenilworth Club.

Debra thanked Dana for presenting the Auxiliary and Junior Board reports.

**X. Nominating**

**Mary McCarthy**

On behalf of Karen Stensrud and the Nominating Committee, Mary announced that Cindy Nicolaides will be the President-elect for the 2018-2020 term. Cindy has extensive experience on the Board and has been a member for 17 years.

Debra congratulated Cindy and thanked Mary for reporting for the Nominating Committee.

**XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Feb. 7 - Spring Luncheon Launch party at Graff, 5:30-7:30p.m.
- Feb. 21 - Fall Benefit Kick-off meeting, Woman's Athletic Club
- February 13 - Finance Meeting in the Board Room
- March 5 - Exec. and General Meetings
- March 13 - Finance Meeting in the Library
- April 24 - Appropriations Meeting, Woman's Athletic Club

- April 26 - Contributor Session, Northfield
- April 27 - Contributor Session, Lake Forest,
- May 3 - Spring Luncheon, The Ritz-Carlton
- May 7 - Exec and General Meetings
- May 10 - Contributor Session, Chicago

**XII. Adjournment**

**Debra Beck**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colby Gaines  
Recording Secretary