

Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center

April 8, 2019

General Meeting

Attendees: Sarah Alshouse, Debra Beck, Wendy Benson, Sarah Bogan, Stevie Boggess, Jean Brennan, Amy Brock, Jeannette Bunn, Caroline Burns, Katie Comstock, Bethany Crocker, Elizabeth Denison, Joan DePree, Colby Gaines, Julie Halbower, Sharon Hayes, Susie Healey, Anne Healy, Karen Henderson, Melissa Hennessy, Karen Howell, Melissa Iserloth, Jennifer Keenan, Carly Kunkler, Read Lanctot,, Anne Loucks, Patsy Magner, Elizabeth Maier, Cindy Mancillas, Mary Anne Martin, Gloria Masterson, Mary McCarthy, Ann McDermott, Mimi Mitchell, Elizabeth Montgomery, Beth Myers, Cindy Nicolaides, Melanie Nordby, Mary Pearlman, Kate Peterson, Erica Sandner, Missy Shinall, Gwen Solberg, Karen Stensrud, Gillian Stoettner, Laura Thompson, Michelle Worth

I. Welcome **Cindy Nicolaides**

The meeting began at 10:36 a.m. Cindy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Introduction of Dr. Mia Levy **Melissa Iserloth**

Melissa introduced Dr. Mia Levy, the new Rush University Cancer Center Director. Dr. Levy recently joined Rush from Vanderbilt University Medical Center where she served as Ingram Associate Professor of Cancer Research, Ingram Director of Cancer Clinical Informatics and Strategy as well as Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics. Dr. Levy received her Medical Doctorate from Rush University and a Biomedical Informatics Doctorate from Stanford University. Dr. Levy is a practicing medical Oncologist specializing in breast cancer.

Dr. Levy spoke about the future of cancer care and Rush University's unique position as a medical school and leading research institution. She introduced her vision for Rush to become a global destination cancer treatment center. Dr. Levy spoke about plans to bring transformational patient centered care through comprehensive high performing cancer service teams utilizing Rush's broadly located clinics and cancer facilities.

Dr. Levy also touched on cancer survivorship, and how cancer population management will require the use of data to continuously analyze survivor treatments to further improve and address interventions. Dr. Mayo spoke about her work in genomics and how that research specifically affected improvement in cancer care. Dr. Mayo answered questions.

Cindy thanked Dr. Levy and also reminded board members of the woman's board's history of support for cancer and our plans for the new building's gift shop for cancer patients.

III. Approval of Minutes **Cindy Nicolaides**

Cindy asked for approval of the February minutes. The minutes were approved.

IV. Introduction of New Members **Cindy Nicolaides**

Cindy thanked Mimi Mitchell and Gloria Masterson for hosting the new member luncheon last week.

Gloria Masterson thanked Emily Reynolds and her team for their work in recruiting new board members. Gloria introduced the following new board members: Wendy Benson, Jean Brennan, Elizabeth Denison, Carly Kunkler, Reed Lanctot, Mary Anne Martin and Missy Shinall. Gloria welcomed the new members to the board.

Cindy encouraged the new board member to attend our events and get involved.

V. Spring Luncheon 2019 Update

Anne Loucks and Gwen Solberg

Invitations were mailed for the 25th annual Spring Luncheon scheduled for May 7 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hilton. President Mary Robinson, Ireland's first female President and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will speak about her Foundation, and the effect of climate change on human rights and the world's poor. Please reserve tickets and attend the event; tables are available for members and new members.

Gwen announced that our sponsor Pomellato is hosting a pre-luncheon shopping party on May 1st from 5:30-7:30 p.m. A portion of our purchases will be donated back to the Woman's Board. Gwen will confirm that members who cannot attend the event may make purchases to support Rush. The event is open to all and please bring friends.

Cindy thanked our sponsors for the Spring Luncheon: Make it Better, Pomellato, William Blair and HDR.

Cindy thanked Anne, Gwen and their committee and encouraged everyone to attend.

VI. Fall Benefit 2019 Update

Colby Gaines, Susie Healey and Buffy Maier

Colby announced the Fall Benefit is set for Friday Sept 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Theater on the Lake. The event features cocktails, a dinner buffet, live music and dancing. Colby announced that Bob Hardwick will provide live entertainment and tickets are \$225 per person, or virtual table of 10 is available for \$2,000.

Buffy updated the group on the program book which provides a large part of the funding for the event. Please think about soliciting your contacts for ads in program book. Catherine Kenyon will assist with sending information for you, and note that ads start at just \$250.

Susie is soliciting additional raffle items. They have two items secured and are in need of additional items. If you have access to Chicago sporting event tickets, behind the scenes opportunities, stadium clubs for a sports package or contacts for a travel package all would be appreciated.

Cindy thanked Colby, Buffy and Susie for their work on the event and everyone who has offered to underwrite items. Please think about how you can help and say yes if you are called.

VII. Annual Appeal Signing

Cindy Nicolaides

The Annual Appeal was discussed at the February board meeting in lieu of the annual solicitation letters. The new Appeal brochure proof is available in the office. We will write short personal notes to attach to the brochure, and our intent is to increase the amount we raise. The Appeal brochure now outlines all of the areas the woman's board supports. One day of note signing will take place on Tuesday, May 21 with two venue options: Emily Reynolds is hosting a morning session from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Cindy Nicolaides is hosting a second signing from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please submit your

names and addresses to the woman's board office for the mailing, future invitations and updates on our work.

VIII. Winnetka Auxiliary and Junior Board

Jill Severino and Tricia Alban

Jill thanked everyone who contributed to the Junior Board's Book Drive which supports Rush's Pediatric Primary Care Center. The girls collected over 400 new and gently used books.

The prospective new member meeting for Junior Board is May 8th and invitations were sent to nearly 100 girls. Next year's Executive Board will be voted on and announced at the Fashion Show on May 5th.

The Annual Fashion Show theme is *Make a Difference* and is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th at Kenilworth Assembly Hall. The doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and the show starts at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.juniorboardrunc.org.

The Cook's Tour is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th and is their big fundraising event. They have four homes secured and will secure more for the next year. Their lead sponsor Compass Realty is assisting with rebranding the Cook's Tour logo. They are working on additional sponsorship and fundraising.

Tricia reported on community outreach and mentoring work at Chicago Public School's Simpson's Academy (for single mothers). Their efforts focus on guiding senior girls to complete high school, transition for work and apply for college. They provide resources for navigating the college application process, developing job interview skills and writing resumes. As many of the girls work multiple jobs with long commutes, they are working to place interested girls as interns at nearby Rush Hospital. Michelle Boardman, Sharon Gates, Kirby Johnson and Sally Lemke guided one student to a Physical Therapy Internship, and other girls are slated for interviews.

Cindy congratulated Jill and Tricia on the Auxiliary's phenomenal work.

IX. Announcements

Cindy Nicolaides

- April 30, 2019 - Finance Committee will hold their Appropriations Meeting at the Woman's Athletic Club. Please collect your flash drive with documents for the meeting.
- May 1, 2019 – Pomellato Oak Street In-store shopping event in support of the Spring Luncheon
- May 7, 2019 – Spring Luncheon at the Hilton with President Mary Robinson
- May 20, 2019 – Executive Committee Meeting at The Casino
- May 21, 2019 - Annual Appeal Signing: 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. @ Emily Reynolds' Winnetka home OR 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. @ Cindy Nicolaides' Kenilworth home.
- June 3, 2019 - General Board Meeting and New Member Hospital Tour before or after the meeting
- June 27, 2019 – Woman's Board Summer Cocktail Party hosted by Suzanne and Michael Nelson at their home
- Lunch will follow the board meeting

X. Adjournment

Cindy Nicolaides

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erica Sandner
Recording Secretary