

Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

General Meeting

Date: August 11, 2018

Officers Present:

Gayle Rood (President); Madge Casper (Vice President); Libby Ketchem (Treasurer); Ellen Wathen (Secretary); Brenda Foucault (Past President)

Others Present:

See attached roster at end of minutes.

1. **Call to Order, Invocation, and Welcome** – Gayle welcomed all alumni and guests to the annual meeting.
2. **Recognition of Class** - The Class of 1968 was recognized for their 50th year.
3. **Moment of Silence** – A moment of silence was held for alumni who have passed in the past year, in addition to Ellen Lynch and Ann Geisz.
4. **Recording Secretary Update** – Alumni were reminded that the meeting minutes from August 2017 are available on the DHSON link on www.deaconess.com . Ellen reviewed the main topics from August 2017. Minutes were approved by attendees.

The Purpose and Mission Statement for the DHSON Alumni was reviewed and approved by the attendees. Both are present on our website under the Bylaws section.

The process for high school students to be aware of the scholarship applications for those entering nursing school was reviewed. Letters, inclusive of the required paperwork accessed via the DHSON Alumni website, are sent to the high school counselors.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Current paid memberships for 2018 are 225. Educational fund requests year to date are \$6,299.32 for 25 separate submissions. Some of these funds were for education expenses to support nursing education in Africa based on relationship established through a mission trip. We assisted with tuition payments for three Health Science Institute students; two ½ tuitions and one full tuition. We used a total of \$14,500 awarded in thirteen scholarships for entry level nursing education. Lindsey Koester (\$1500) descendant of Julie Johnson Koester (1978); Ross Huber (\$1500) descendant of Jane Lee Hay (1971); Courtney Kieffer (\$1500) descendant of Carol Dunkel Woodard (1979); Emily Wigginton (\$1500) descendant of Gayle Rood (1972) and Cathy Merrick (1985); Laura Williams (\$1000) descendant of Kitty Williams (employee); Samantha Kirsch (\$1000) descendant of Amy Kirsch (employee); Olivia Barnes (\$1500) descendant of Shirley Kuhn Barnes (1988); Kelsey Brown (\$500) descendant of Jill Acton-Brown (employee); Joseph Hobbs (\$500) descendant of Suzanne Herbert-Hobbs (1973); Katelyn Brown (\$500) descendant of Nancy Jung (1969) and Melinda Brown (employee); Ellen Thompson (\$1000) Leslie Thompson (employee), Allyson Schneider (\$1000) descendant of Candyce Wannemueller (1971); and Heather Morrow (\$1500) descendant of Cindy Daily (employee).

We have \$11,136.20 in the checking account. We received \$405 in donations in Ellen Lynch's name. Endowed funds amount \$402,629 with \$39,474 to use.

A banner promoting the DHSON Alumni Association was shown to the membership; will plan to use in various venues (i.e. conferences).

A leaf noting the donation by the DHSON Alumni Association was shown to the membership for the Linda White Hospice House.

New Business:

6. **Nominations** – Gayle explained to membership that successors need to be considered as officers for next terms, involving especially the younger alumni.
 - a. President - nominations were held. Gayle Rood was nominated and re-elected as President. Gayle also announced to membership that successors need to be considered for next term.
 - b. Secretary - nominations were held. Ellen Wathen was nominated and re-elected for Secretary.
7. **Archives Committee** – Three DHSON alumni (Janice Thompkins Ziliak Clark, Paula Stone, and Mary Greulich Kiesel) have volunteered a couple hours per month to preserve our memories in the DHSON Archives, located on the first floor of the Health Science Building.
8. **Next meeting in 2018** – the next annual meeting will be Aug 10, 2019, on the Midtown Campus in Johnson Hall. Please make special note that the following year (Aug 8, 2020) will be Homecoming. Mark your calendars for both events!
9. **Speaker** – Linda White provided the address to the alumni with an update on DHS: Looking Back and Looking Forward. Highlights included:

Six Hospitals in the Deaconess Health System - Deaconess Midtown, Deaconess Gateway, Deaconess Cross Pointe, The Women's Hospital (TWH), The Heart Hospital (THH), and HealthSouth Deaconess Rehab Hospital; with the 7th to be Methodist Hospital (Henderson, KY) as an affiliate hospital with partial ownership.

Digital/Web Update – online scheduling available for outpatient tests and appointments; DHS is EPIC vendor for TWH, THH, and to other smaller hospitals. All hospitals on EPIC can get to your health record electronically as needed.

Regional growth in 70 mile radius in IN, IL, and KY - Deaconess is not buying hospitals, but creating relationships with smaller hospitals and assisting them in providing a higher level of care. Methodist Hospital (Henderson, KY) has been in a 3 year process for forming a relationship – will implement EPIC. Gibson General's CEO and CFO employed by Deaconess, now has an express clinic with NPs, and increased access to medical care. Ferrell Hospital in IL – Deaconess employs CEO and has plans to improve building with funds from an agriculture loan; also has a new clinic. Deaconess IL EMS in Eldorado, IL – now has four trucks with two more coming to serve the community.

Awards and Recognition – Nurse of the Year awards; AACN Critical Care Challenge winners; Warrick County Commissioner Foundation grants for AED and mobile

mammography; Beacon Silver award for Surgical Trauma Cardiovascular ICU; Action Registry for THH in Heart Care; Primary Stroke Center awarded Silver Plus; KLAS award for EMR user satisfaction #1 in KLAS Best.

Employee Benefits – recruitment of MDs, Nurses, Pharmacists, and Housekeepers. Employee Education includes \$528, 242 spent for tuition reimbursement. Foundation paid \$500,000 in conferences/travel. Weekend option staff paid more with other staff working less weekends. Employee cards available for meals with 5% discount on each load onto cards;

Other News – Ortho care, Renew (prosthetics), physiologist, Panera Bread now available in Ortho-Neuro Hospital; THH physicians now employees of Deaconess; Infusion Center new location merging Chancellor and Downtown centers; Deaconess Clinic Express now open on Mt Pleasant Road; second childcare location open on Tutor Lane on East side; 24th Deaconess Classic for Women with proceeds supporting mammography; 3-2-1 Club had \$107,000 in employee contributions; Deaconess financially assists the EVSC Health Science Institute; Community outreach for Warrick Trails, Strike Out Stroke at Otters Game; CHF initiatives to keep out of hospital and decrease ER visits with use of telemedicine; relationship between Deaconess and DaVita for chronic kidney disease; Leap Frog recognition for Grade A for Midtown and Grade B for Gateway; Culture Patient Safety surveys coming; outstanding patient experience award; IU Med Center downtown Evansville opening soon; Palliative Care Program for chronic disease management; Linda White Hospice House thriving well with average census of 5-7 patients.

10. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned by Gayle.

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