

## Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

### General Meeting

Date: August 10, 2019

Officers Present:

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

Others Present:

See separate document for attendance roster

1. **Call to Order, Invocation, and Welcome** – Gayle welcomed all alumni and guests to the annual meeting.
2. **Recognition of Class** - The Class of 1969 was recognized for their 50<sup>th</sup> year.
3. **Moment of Silence** – A moment of silence was held for alumni who have passed in the past year; a listing of their names was displayed for all to view and alumni were asked to add others if known to the display.
4. **Speaker** – Linda White provided the address to the alumni with an update on DHS: Together We Can Do Anything. Highlights included:

Memories of DHSON – skits, talent shows, graduation, pinning, capping, Barton Hall.

Why did you to to DHSON – recommended, nursing solid career to support self, God's mission, always knew wanted to be a nurse.

DHS Mission Statement – bottomline is caring for people

DHS Strategies – **Quality care** is number 1 for DHS; **Access to care** needs to be easier and faster; **Partner** with other healthcare organization (not purchase other hospitals) to assist them financially with what they need (renovations) and with resources they need (DHS physicians routine days at their hospitals/clinics), then if their patients need a higher level of care, maybe they will send to Deaconess; **Health** need to be reimbursed for services (Medicare); **Strength** financially to operate and resources for community.

Quality

- Errors – not punitive now unless intentional; usually due to processes and not individuals. (i.e. wrong site/side surgeries)
- Hand Hygiene – improving as secret shopper observations
- TAVR (transaortic valve replacement) – DH cardiologists educated on procedure performed without opening the chest
- Rand Study 2.0 – prices paid for services (medicare comparison) – DHS has lowest prices as compared to 8 other large hospitals in the state (i.e. DHS lower prices than St Vincents across the board)
- 500-600 openings for non-nursing jobs, competing wages with other industries in community

## Access

- My Chart – can make appointments, check labs
- Deaconess Clinic locations coming soon: Downtown next to Stone Family Med Center; Methodist Hospital; Baseline Road; and South Green River Road by Raben and former Sears
- Midtown Hospital renovations including second floor Surgery/SDCC and ED
- Encompass Health (formerly HealthSouth Deaconess) – 27% owner, new site to open soon near Gateway Campus with 80 private rooms; will close Covert location (only rented space, not owned)
- Stone Family Med Center – collaboration of IU, USI, UE – hospital consortium with DHS, Good Samaritan, Memorial Jasper, and St Vincents
- Deaconess Gateway Campus – OB/GYN ED, Ortho/Neuro Hospital with 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, robot for knee surgeries, hip replacement with anterior approach and 2 week recovery
- MD Anderson – renewed 3 year contract
- Ronald McDonald House at Gateway campus by The Women’s Hospital – will have same overseer as the house on Washington Avenue
- Deaconess Aquatic Center in Jacobsville by Garvin Park

Awards – Leap Frog recognition for Grade A for Midtown and Gateway, Grade F for Methodist Hospital but before EPIC implemented and anticipate that safety measures with EPIC will raise their next rating to at least a Grade C. Heart Hospital highest ranked again. DHS ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in state again (IU #1).

5. **Recording Secretary Update** – Alumni were reminded that the meeting minutes from August 2018 are available on the DHSON link on [www.deaconess.com](http://www.deaconess.com). Ellen reviewed the main topics from August 2018. Minutes were approved by attendees.
6. **Treasurer’s Report** – Current paid memberships for 2019 are 205. Educational fund requests year to date are \$8346.10 have been approved (i.e. conferences). Some of these funds were for education expenses to support 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 1<sup>st</sup> year students for nursing education in Africa based on relationship established through a mission trip.

We assisted with tuition payments for several Health Science Institute students – one was for full tuition (\$1300) and three for half tuition (\$650 each).

We used a total of \$14,500 awarded in twelve scholarships for entry-level nursing education. Adele Schnautz (\$2500) daughter of Lynn Schnautz (employee); Alexa Wheeler (\$1500) descendant of Gina Bosard (1968); Ashlynn Downs (\$500); Dylan Saint-Pre (\$500) descendant of Tara Raibley (employee); Emily Wigginton (\$2000) descendant of Gayle Rood (1972) and Cathy Merrick (1985); Hayley Wessel (\$1500) descendant of Cindi Wessel (1975); Heather Morrow (\$1000) descendant of Andrea Carpenter (employee); Hilary Pruitt (\$1000) (TWH employee); Katie Steenberg (\$1000) descendant of Cheryl Steenberg (employee); Olivia Barnes (\$1500) descendant of Shirley Kuhn Barnes (1988); Laura Williams (\$1000) descendant of Kitty Williams (employee); Sophia Smith (\$1500) descendant of Sue Sanders Schauss (1967), and Stephanie Dowker (\$500) descendant of Carolyn Pfohl Amlingmeyer (1972).

We have \$8,762.20 in the checking account. Endowed funds amount \$388,471 with \$22,611.90 to use and \$9266 in the Homecoming account.

## **New Business:**

7. **Homecoming** – Aug 8 in Johnson Hall, no cost to alumni which includes catered meal, special invitations with event details to be sent out to alumni; need volunteers to assist with homecoming preparations.
  - **Decorations Committee – Chair Brenda Foucault**, Becky Shelton, Janet Flake, Sister Sheila Adams
  - **Food Committee – Chair Gayle Rood**, Jan Clark, Mary Greulich
  - Surprise Gift Committee – **Chair Libby Ketchem**, Donna Hight, Patricia Schoonover
  - Special Mailing Committee – **Chair Ellen Wathen**, Madge Caper, Janet Goode, Gayle Johnson, Martha Dever
8. **Email List** – Request for officers to use email contact grouping to send invitations and newsletters in addition to post mailing list – need volunteer to create contact group in email address book – Jan Clark
9. **AED Request** – Janet Flake proposed for the DHSON alumni association to provide funds to the Foundation to purchase an AED for community – no specific site requested. Alumni made a motion to obtain additional information to bring back to the 2020 annual meeting (Homecoming). Janet Flake to contact Mark Moore to obtain information on costs, process for DHSON to donate funds, and how we might be recognized to recipient as the donator.
10. **Nominations** – Gayle explained alumni are dwindling, including those attending the annual meetings. Need help to increase attendance and replace officers as successors for next terms, involving especially the younger alumni.
  - a. Treasurer – Libby volunteered to stay on in role.
  - b. Vice President - nominations were held with several alumni asked to agree to be nominated. Kami (Roth) Patterson accepted the nomination and was elected to role.
11. **Next meeting in 2020** – the next annual meeting will be **Homecoming on Aug 8, 2020**, on the Midtown Campus in Johnson Hall. Mark your calendars!
12. Adjourned at noon