

Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

General Meeting

Date: **August 18, 2014**

Present: Brenda Goldman (President); Madge Casper (Vice President); Libby Ketchem (Treasurer); Ellen Wathen (Recording Secretary); Gayle Rood (Corresponding Secretary)

Absent: Diana McDaniel (Past President) – see membership attendee names at end of minutes

1. Welcome – Brenda welcomed all alumni to the annual meeting and called the meeting to order.
2. Moment of Prayer - moment of silent prayer was held for alumni who have died over the past year.
3. Deaconess Hospital Update – Linda White, CEO Deaconess Health System, provided an update on the 6 hospitals and joint ventures such as Deaconess VNA Plus, Evansville Surgical Centers, Encore, Progressive Health, Vantage Oncology. Deaconess Health system has 5500 employees which makes us the largest employer in southwest IN. The 5 pillars of Deaconess FIRST drive patient care within our mission statement – fantastic employees pulling together for increased quality and safety, resulting in growth and superior service, and top financial performance. The DHSON Alumni are interested in a donation for a room in the new hospice house or hospice unit. In 2017, Deaconess Health System will be 125 years and a book is being developed to cover this history. Linda also provided multiple copies of the Compassion in Action books for any alumni wishing a personal copy.
4. Introduction of Officers - Brenda introduced the officers to those in attendance and asked all attendees to also introduce themselves.
5. Recognition of Class of 1964 celebrating 50th Reunion
6. Recording Secretary Update –
 - a. Alumni were reminded that the **meeting minutes** from the annual meetings are available on the DHSON link on www.deaconess.com.
 - b. The **April 2014 annual seminar** (co-provided by the alumni association along with Deaconess Hospital) was discussed. There were 52 nurses in attendance, with 14 registered but did not attend. “Creating Balance in Your Life” was the theme – speaker topics included *Sustaining Organization and A Holistic Approach to Benefit the Whole You*. Good reviews – reminder to the DHSON Alumni that all Deaconess Nurses and all Alumni are welcome to attend for only \$5 which includes a meal and prize. The 2015 seminar has not yet been planned but the planning committee will be starting their process in the next month. Two dates are being considered – April 7 or April 14. Alumni reminded that future seminars along with the brochure are posted on the alumni link on the www.deaconess.com website and on our facebook page.
7. Treasurer’s Report – There are \$20 in checks to deposit. \$11,465.51 in the current checking balance. There has been \$2180.44 in fund requests approved for 21 alumni members. Available funds for FY 13-14 educational requests are \$11,261.

We have 223 paid members for 2014, 31 paid for 2015, 18 paid for 2016, 8 paid for 2017, 6 paid for 2018, 5 paid for 2019, 4 paid for 2020, 3 paid for 2021 & 2022, and 1 paid for 2023.

We will continue to provide funds to the *Health Science Institute* in half tuitions of direct descendants of DHSON alumni – no requests were made this year for half-tuition payments.

We received thank you correspondence from our scholarship recipients, Olivia Baldwin and Lily Schnautz. Also received a thank you and final transcript from scholarship recipient, Erica Bawel.

We received correspondence from the daughter of alumni, Emma Jeane Higginson Wilson Pierson regarding her death in 2012. Her Celebration of Life was read to the alumni in attendance as requested by her daughter. The Estate of Emma Jeane Higginson Wilson Pierson provided a gift of \$5000 to the DHSON Alumni Association.

8. Corresponding Secretary Report – Gayle Rood demonstrated the DHSON facebook page started last year for alumni to communicate with one another. Alumni may access the facebook page either through www.deaconess.com or by typing Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing (Evansville) Alumni into the search box on the facebook home page. We will add the annual meeting minutes, transcript request information, annual seminar, alumni reunions to this site. If members cannot add information, please contact Gayle Rood for assistance. Gayle reminded alumni members to NOT place personal identifiers (phone numbers, address, if out of town) on facebook since anyone can access this information.

Donation for Room in Hospice House – committee to be involved with planning this endeavor are Libby Ketchem, (chair), Gayle Rood, Janet Goode, Pat Bender, Patty Leggett, Debbie Hamilton, and Rebecca Shelton

New Business:

9. Nominations – The offices of President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary were open for nomination and election this year at our annual meeting. Brenda Goldman is open to continuing her position as *President*; no other nominations from the floor. The membership present voted to re-elect Brenda for the two year term. Gayle Rood is open to continuing in her position as *Corresponding Secretary*; no other nominations from the floor. The membership present voted to re-elect Gayle for the two year term. Ellen Wathen is open to continuing her position as *Recording Secretary*; no other nominations from the floor. The membership present voted to re-elect Ellen for the two year term.
10. Homecoming – will be next year in 2015. The date has been suggested for August 15. The site has been suggested as Johnson Hall (instead of SWIRCA). Committees and chair persons for these committees were requested.

Registration – Larry Bender, Martha Dever, Janet Goode, Gayle Johnson, Madge Casper

Setup for Homecoming – Judy Medford

Decorations – Brenda Foucault, Rebecca Shelton

Food – Gayle Rood, Judy Conner Rohleder, Mary Hoagland

Mailings – Libby Ketchem, Janet Goode

Program & Honorees for 25 years (1986-1990), 50 years (1961-1965) – Pat Bender, Brenda Foucault, Ellen Wathen

11. Next meeting in 2015 – next year's meeting will be **Homecoming**

All Attendees at meeting:

Name:

Joan Allen
Janelle Armes
Shirley Baughn
Patricia Bender
Noma Cunningham Brizius
Rosie Brown
Madge Casper
Jana Cleveland
Alice Held DeLuca
Martha Dever
Janet Flake
Brenda Goldman Foucault
Mary Ellen Gaines
Janet Goode
Debbie Hamilton
Mary Hoagland
Gayle Johnson
Linda Kelsey
Libby Ketchem
Vina Kinman
Patty Leggett
Donna Vaughn Leis
Carol Measel
Leanna Reece
Judy Conner Rohleder
Gayle Brubeck Rood
Pat Schoonover
Rebecca Anne Shelton
Karen Sights
Ellen Wathen
Darlene Wolf
Judy Medford