

HOSPICE OF YORK
Board Meeting
Ellis Conference Room, York Hospital
March 22, 2011

Julie opened the meeting at 6:30.

Present were Julie Perreault, Dee Bickmore, Barbara Boschert, Judy Kimball, Kathy Schmigle, Henry Guertin Ouellette, Judy Doe, Lynne Tocci, Kate Hatem, Nikki Hopewill, and Chief David O'Brien, KFD

Absent were Lisa Aubin, Gene Glick, and Kim Joyce

Before the business meeting began Chief O'Brien showed the Board "Every 15 Minutes," a very powerful video filmed at Traip Academy depicting the statistic that every 15 minutes there is a death as a result of someone driving drunk. The video showed the "deaths" of two Traip students, the arrest of the driver, the reactions of students and parents, actual firemen/women, doctor, and judge. In addition every 15 minutes the "Grim Reaper" called students from class. Their faces were painted white and they were not allowed to speak for the rest of the day. The next day the student body participated in a "funeral." This video has been submitted for an award.

The Secretary's report was accepted as read..

The Treasurer's report was accepted without discussion.

The Bereavement Coordinator's report was given verbally as there was too little news for a written report. Nikki commented that the new Living with Loss Group will be starting April 13 and the facilitators will be meeting the week before.

The Director's report: Dee commented that it had been a slow month. There were 5 referrals all from Beacon, 5 deaths, and 2 that did not receive services. The Retreat Team is holding regular meetings to plan for the September retreat.

Old Business

Update on HOY's Children's Bereavement Services: Nikki distributed a two and a half page report detailing the progress she and her committee has made in laying the groundwork for this new service. Her needs assessment consists of visiting the schools (4 out of 19 visits have been completed). She has received much support and interest from guidance counselors. Everyone has expressed a great need, as there are already 20 families from just these 4 schools that need this service. Nikki also commented that she has a list 16 non-Hospice persons who want to be volunteers. There has been a positive outpouring of support from the community for this project.

Nikki stated that the Dougy Center in Portland, Oregon offers the best program for training. The cost of \$4500 includes a week's training for two, airfare, and lodging. The two who have been trained are then qualified to train as many others as their organization needs. A motion was made and passed to send the required deposit of \$300 (\$150 per attendee) to hold our spot for the July training.

Fund Raising Update: Although Lisa was unable to attend the meeting, she sent the Board a detailed written report on her progress for the 10/13 "Festival of Hope." She is still working on getting sponsors and is confident that there will be enough financial support to cover the overhead costs. She and Gale have finished the first draft of the invites. She has also done a write-up for our newsletter.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon: Judy Kimball and Dee reported that the luncheon will be held at and provided by Kittery Estates. It will be held the last Saturday in April, the 30th from 11-1:30. Invitations will be sent to the volunteers, including those with Living with Loss, and Board members. There will be a raffle, goody bags, and lovely lily of the valley table decorations.

New Business

Committee for the Director's Evaluation: Judy Kimball stated that the method of evaluation had been revised last year - changed from number scores to five verbal designations. Therefore the evaluation process is much simpler and quicker. She and Henry agreed to serve on the committee again and Barbara volunteered to be the 3rd member.

"Committee preparedness": Dee gave a heads-up to the Board that the following committees will be formed in the near future: Budget (Kathy will be the chair), Nomination, and Annual Meeting (4th Tuesday of June).

Volunteer Spring Training Update: Dee reported that there were six in the class, including one man. She thanked Henry for attending two meetings.

There were no other concerns. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kimball, Secretary
Hospice of York, Board of Directors