

HOSPICE OF YORK
Board Meeting
Ellis Conference Room, York Hospital
October 26, 2010

Julie opened the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Present: Dee Bickmore, Julie Perreault, Barbara Boschert, Judy Kimball, Kathy Schmigle, Gene Glick, Kim Joyce, Kate Hatem, Judy Doe, Henry Guertin-Ouellette, Lisa Aubin, Lynne Tocci, and Nikki Hopewill

Visitor: Dan Coughlin, HOY volunteer

Secretary's report: The minutes were approved unanimously after Lisa Aubin's name was added to the list of those present at the September Board meeting.

The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously as read.

Bereavement Coordinator's report: Nikki spoke very enthusiastically about her on-going contact with the Center for Grieving Children, in Portland. Deb Nault, a HOY volunteer, had attended "Training the Trainer" on Oct. 21 in Nikki's place and reported that it was "amazing." Nikki said she would contact the CGC director with an invitation for a liaison to visit us. She also mentioned a group in Wells who may be interested in joining us in forming a So ME campus of CGC.

Beacon's buyout of Seacoast Hospice and the subsequent closing of their Bridges Program for children were discussed. Nikki will check to see if Seacoast had any resources that HOY could utilize.

Nikki closed by stating that HOY's Bereavement/Grief support program is growing rapidly. "It is not unusual to have one/two calls a week. Many of the folks are calling for immediate help."

Director's report: Dee stated that from 9/21-10/25 there had been 5 referrals from Beacon (One had previously been a Seacoast patient.) and 4 deaths. She had given a successful presentation at Marshwood HS's CNA training and has been asked to present again in the future.

Dee spoke of responding to an emergency call from York's Senior Center. A nurse had died on site and the staff needed immediate help. A discussion followed about Nikki and/or Brad setting up some training/grief support for the staff. Nikki said she would look into it.

Old Business:

Day of Remembrance: Nikki reported that the date (11/21), time (3 pm), place (1st Congregational Church, York), Brad Hirst, and Jim Hager are all set. There is an article in the newspaper and flyers around town. Volunteers are needed for baking. Nikki said she would do the program.

Ethics Committee Motion: Henry moved: "that an Ethics Committee, as established for Hospice of York and formed by previous motions of the Board, is empowered to investigate ethical matters referred to it and report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors for its consideration and action." Seconded by Gene Glick. The motion passed unanimously without discussion. Henry then moved: "that the Code of Ethics be accepted as a guide for the committee's future actions." This motion also passed unanimously. Henry went on to state, "This is the end of an era. We can now put the serious difficulties of the past behind us."

Annual Christmas Party: Judy Kimball and Kim reported that the Christmas Party would be held on Tues. 11/30 at the Regatta Room in Eliot. The dinner will be plated with three choices of entrees and a cash bar of beer, wine, and soda. The social hour will begin at 5 and dinner will be served at 6. As the estimate of \$1170 was based on 50 people, we expect the final cost to be less. The cost per person, which we had hoped to keep at \$20, is \$23.40. It was decided that each attendee would pay \$15 and HOY will pay the remaining \$8.40. Dee will send a deposit to the Regatta Room this week. Jim Hager has agreed to play his traditional role as Santa.

Report on Harvestfest: The raffle brought in \$400 and, thanks to Berwick Academy, the face painting made \$300. A generous donation of \$160, from pony rides, was received from Holly Piche of Kittery.

Daisy Jane Fundraiser: Lynne reported that she had arranged a fundraiser for HOY at Daisy Jane's, a lovely shop in York center. They will be donating 15% of that night's sales to HOY. Refreshments will also be provided. Informational flyers will be mailed to the membership this week.

Update on honorary/gift memberships: It has been decided to give an honorary 12 month memberships as a thank you to individuals in the community who have supported HOY "above and beyond." In addition, folks are encouraged to purchase memberships for family/friends/the person who has everything as Christmas gifts. These memberships will also be good for a year but will run from January to January.

New Business:

Lights to Remember: Letters will be sent out in November to members for the Lights to Remember fundraiser. These lights will shine on trees in Kittery, York, and South Berwick from Dec. 1st to Dec. 31st. A donation of \$5 is asked for each light.

During this discussion the suggestion was made that HOY participate in Kittery's annual Christmas Parade and perhaps the one in York. Many ideas were given for the float but Kathy's offer of "Chuck's truck" was the winner. Nikki, Kate, and Kim will decorate it. Donations of Christmas candy to be tossed to the crowds can be left at Dee's office.

Three Volunteer positions needed:

Fundraiser - Lisa Aubin volunteered to chair this committee.

Web coordinator - We already have a web master but need someone to coordinate the possible items.

Photographer - Pictures of new board members need to be taken for web page as well as photos at HOY events.

Board responsibilities: Julie spoke of a Chamber of Commerce presentation where the speaker described the "Perfect Board." He also stressed the "Seriousness of being on a Board." Members who are not participating should be asked to leave. The Nominating Committee can avoid this potential problem by thoroughly assessing the nominees as to what they plan to bring to the Board/what they have to offer. The suggestion was made "The Perfect Board" could be the focus of our annual Board retreat. Julie said she would mention this to Jeff Pelkey.

Other issues/concerns: Dee reminded those who have not already done so to write up a short biography for the web site.

Gene mentioned that the Diversity Center is having a program on Hospice. He said he would inquire if this could become a fundraiser for HOY.

Meeting adjourned at ????????????

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kimball, Secretary
Hospice of York Board of Directors