

HOSPICE OF YORK
Board Meeting
Ellis Conference Room, York Hospital
January 25, 2011

Julie opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

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

Absent: Barbara Boschert and Gene Glick

There were two presentations before the regular meeting began.

- (1) Julie Stone from Amedisys Hospice in Portsmouth/Dover presented HOY with a check for \$500 in support of our all-volunteer organization. Dee thanked Amedisys and stated that the check would be used for new HOY tote bags.
- (2) Nikki had invited Ann Lynch, Executive Director, and Susan Giambalvo, Program Director, of the Center for Grieving Children (CGC) in Portland to our meeting to inform us about their organization for consideration if a satellite campus were to be established in York County. They stressed that there was no wrong way to set up services and/or what services should be offered. "You can start with anything -- outreach, phone support, multicultural programs for just 3 or 4 families and 2 or more volunteers." It was suggested that HOY survey the community to determine if there is enough interest in CGC to have Ann and Susan do a workshop in the area.
- (3) The Secretary's report for November (There was no meeting in Dec.) was approved unanimously.

The November and December Treasurer's reports were approved as read.

The Bereavement Coordinator's report: The new Living with Loss began 1/19/11. Ten people attended. Maureen Johnson and Mick Cooper, the facilitators, invited Nikki to the first meeting. She felt that was a positive experience as she did not usually get to meet the participants, only talk with them on the phone.

The Board was enthusiastic about working with CGC. Nikki and Kathy agreed to co-chair the committee. Kate, Kim, Julie, and Lynne also volunteered. Dee stated that HOY has \$10,000 from a grant put aside for children's programs. This will pay for Nikki's time and outreach.

Director's report: From 11/23 to 1/19 HOY received 8 referrals: 5 from Beacon, 1 from Home Care, and 2 from Hospice of So. ME. There were 6 deaths, 1 decertification, and 3 "no shows." Dee reported that she had been interviewed by Ron McAllister for an article that will appear in next week's York Weekly. She also informed the Board that HOY had received a \$1000 grant from the Rosamond Thaxter Foundation that will be used for new Living with Loss brochures.

Old business:

Dee stated that "as of today" HOY had received \$5204 from Lights to Remember. \$500 was spent on a colorful, easy to read full page ad in the Sentinel listing all the contributors.

Judy Kimball encouraged the Board to take several of the "Ask me about Hospice" buttons that Dee had brought, pin them on their coats, and "wear them proudly. It's free advertising. If anyone really shows an interest in HOY, offer them a brochure."

Nikki displayed the 1st place newcomers' trophy that the HOY float had won in the Kittery Christmas Parade. It was a last minute decision to enter and Nikki, Kathy, Chuck and his truck were congratulated for pulling it together so quickly. Lynne asked why HOY had not entered the York parade. Nikki explained that both parades were held on the same day and Kittery had encouraged us to participate. It is hoped that next year we can do both.

New Business

Fund raising update: Lisa presented her idea for a "fun" annual fund raiser: "Business after Hours Fundraising Gala." This Gala will be held on a Thursday from 6-9 pm in October at the York Legion hall and cost \$10 pp. it will include music, dancing, a silent auction, and catered hors d'oeuvres. The Board was very enthusiastic about this fundraiser and discussions were held about who/where to contact, what supplies (invitations, decorations, etc.) are needed. Several Board members immediately volunteered. To be continued.

ME Hospice Council Annual Retreat: This year the retreat will be held in September, the weekend of the 23rd, 24th, 25th, instead of October. Dee stated that the decision was based in the fact that it is prettier and warmer in the mountains in September. She added that the price has gone up slightly this year.

Julie adjourned the meeting at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kimball, Secretary
Hospice of York Board of Directors