

BOD phone meeting Oct. 24, 2016

Maryann opened meeting at 7:05

Attendance:

Nemo
Janine
Sharon
Dennis
Meagan
Jennifer
Stacey
Maryann

President's report. Dennis

Working on G4G for 2017. Rooms unavailable at same hotel as last year. Dennis checked into a hotel that is close but it's costly. Waiting on response from HFA.

Treasurer's report. Sharon

\$229,363.15. Current balance as of 10/24/16

I'm skipping the ED stuff because it'll all be addressed during the meeting.

Advocacy: Jennifer:

Meeting in Dedham from NEHA, HAM, HFA, NHF, pharma and HTC social workers. Intended to talk through a way to regionally do advocacy.

Goals for alliance for the 3 chapters. Common goals and individual goals. Communication between states. PDL drug plans from state to state.

Representatives for each state and HTC's. Planning to do phone monthly meetings every 3 months in person.

Pact grant \$25,000 has been submitted.

Environment for meeting was lovely.

Old Business:

**I'm still asking the board to consider NHF membership. We can discuss or not but I will continue to bring it up!

**Our bylaws are updated. Copies were sent to board to read/have.

**Rich and Vicki and I have been meeting by phone every month to keep up with changes, events and regional happenings. NEHA submitted for a grant for \$25,000 to help move our advocacy efforts

forward. Both Vicki and I included letters in the request. If this comes through we are considering paying someone to be our NE advocacy coordinator.

**Annual Meeting 2016.

Thank you, Stacey, as always for arranging the space, setting up the room block and generally organizing things!

Where do we stand with sitters for the little ones and animal people?

Sitters all set. Animal people lined up 11-12:20

Discussion on kid's agenda for afternoon programs. Need 3 hours. Jenga and activities for little kids. 8 - 12. Sonji from HFA will be available to help with programming.

I attached the agenda. Times are going to be tight but we must allow for each presenter to have at least an hour so I shortened lunch. If you can find a way to make this all fit it would be greatly appreciated!

Who is going in what time slot is not set in stone.

Minor changes in agenda and discussion on afternoon kid programs.

We have a new tier system for presenters which includes a fee to speak at our events. That form is also attached.

To fulfill our commitment to HFA to have a certain number of programs each year we're using 2 of their kids' programs and one for adults. The younger kids will be doing group activity "story of my resilience" activity book. The older kids have a program on social media which is interactive. The adult program is one HFA and I worked on together that will be presented like the game "never ever have I ever" and sounds like it's going to fun.

We have decided to raffle off 3 packages to HFA's symposium this year since it's in Providence and we won't have to pay airfare for attendees.

Alpine Walk raffle. One family package will be raffled as usual.

New Business:

Maryann brought up the thought to have a lap top specifically for chapter use. A couple of comments and ideas but no real discussion.

The Next Buddy Buzz is near completion.

Intersperse ads or put them in the back like before?

**Ads interspersed.

Cover: Gears for Good

Articles: Community achievements. We have 5 so far. There may be a 6th. Do you want to know or would you rather be surprised? If this works out well, we could do one or two in future Buzzes.

Q&A from Daniela and Jacob, our participants in CSL's junior nationals.

Letters from Dennis and Maryann

List of 2017 events highlighting Lake Compounce this time.

There's a short quiz on who's who in industry/home care/ htc's. In keeping with our advocacy push we may do more each newsletter.

Add more about the Spring Social! Highlight it with pictures.

Those are the highlights. There will of course be lots of pictures.

****Discussion on bilingual printing of Buzz. Maryann and Dennis will discuss with Janine at Fall Fest****

Alpine Walk 2017:

Diane Bruno has agreed to work for us again to do the Alpine Walk. I know she has started the process of finding donors for the raffle.

Dennis and I went to Mt Snow a couple weeks ago and walked the trails to find and additional trail for the folks that can do one up the side of the mountain.

Spring Social

Jennifer, are we booked for the venue?

Yes!

How do we push this event out to the community? All help will be appreciated.

Getting the CHS word out.

I spent an hour on the phone with Emily Bisson. Dennis spoke with Dawn VanMyerhausen.

We're putting together packets for families to have when they go to clinic. They will have a newsletter and assistance and activities, contact info.

Maryann will reach out again to the hospitals that see BD patients that aren't HTC's. Also, HTC's in Worcester and Springfield because of proximity.

Website Updates:

Folks to look at website and see if there needs to be changes.

Meeting closed at 8:15 PM