

The Ladies Board Minutes

3/4/2025

President Pauline Clark called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer: Katrina Waggoner led the members in the Ladies Board Prayer and Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: There were 50 members present and 1 associate member.

Acceptance of Minutes: The February 4, 2025 minutes were approved.

Announcements: Pauline Clark shared that the Ladiesboard.org email and calendar are useful tools for scheduling meetings and for reserving the Ladies Board conference room. Minutes and reports are being loaded onto the website each month. Bylaw revisions are pending due to the delay in the hospital transition plan. The monthly meetings will begin with the Ladies Board Prayer or a moment of silence, allowing members to reflect according to their personal beliefs.

Photos: The group moved to the North Lobby for photos of the membership and Leadership Team.

Treasurer's Report: Chandra Bittner presented a detailed treasurer's report outlining the financial status, income, expenses and balances of various accounts. Financial reports and narratives will be collected from each committee and published online on the Ladies Board website for visibility. A motion was discussed to acquire a debit card for the general account to facilitate online purchases for committees. The motion was voted on and passed.

Caring and Sharing: Katrina Waggoner provided updates on member support, including health and bereavement. Upcoming member birthdays were announced.

End of Year Appreciation Event: Denise Goff presented the plan for the end of year appreciation event. There was discussion about potential venues and meal preferences. The consensus was that lunch and a sit-down meal are preferred. The hospital funds this event in appreciation of our service. It is not paid for by the Ladies Board.

History: No report.

Hospitality: Verla Page discussed the new member luncheon and the distribution of updated pages for the directory. The Spring picnic will be held on May 5th at Pauline Clark's house.

Lights of Love: Barb McNeil presented a detailed financial report.

Nominating Committee: There were no nominations.

Nursing Scholarships: Arlene Kilborn presented a detailed financial report. The Scholarship Committee has received 34 applications and is promoting nursing scholarships through various channels. They are encouraged by the publicity and responses.

Nurse Appreciation: Lori Luther presented a detailed financial report. The committee is preparing for Nurse Appreciation Week and plans to decorate the gift shop window.

Polly Clemens: An \$8,000 donation was presented to the hospital to support various needs, including a HAL doll and car seats for families in need.

Public Relations: Patti Sinnen provided a detailed financial report and discussed ongoing social media efforts. She announced that Twice is Nice being recognized in the Best of Virginia magazine.

Riverside Gift Shop: Lillian Brewer presented a detailed financial report. The gift shop is partnering with other Inova shops for events like March Madness and for hospital events where staff purchase items of clothing.

Rummage: Stacey Bassett presented a detailed financial report and discussed tent arrangements, volunteer information updates and furniture storage strategies at Donation Days and for pickups going forward in preparation for Rummage. There is a new email system for better communication.

Twice is Nice: Joylyn Hannahs presented a detailed financial report and reported that Twice is Nice is transitioning to an electronic loyalty program and planning a 35th anniversary celebration.

Greatest Needs: The board unanimously voted to earmark \$250,000 for greatest needs. The Ladies Board is shifting from annual pledges to funding specific challenges and projects. There is an opportunity to consider funding a groundbreaking research study on early sepsis detection, which could save countless lives. The study costs \$400,000 and the board has the opportunity to contribute \$250,000. This initiative could lead to recognition in medical journals and a significant impact on global health. Dr. Chiantella will be a guest speaker at the April 2025 board meeting and will provide more details on the sepsis study and its potential impact.

Silent Auction: The motion to hold a silent auction event separate from rummage was approved. Various venues are being considered for the auction event including Belmont Country Club and Raspberry Plain Manor, each with pros and cons regarding cost, space and accessibility. A detailed timeline for organizing the event by the end of May was presented, including meetings, contract signings, and ticket sales. The timeline is fast-paced but considered achievable. The importance of early planning for sponsorships and donations was emphasized.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Debbie Melia

Recording Secretary