**Board of Directors Meeting: September 10, 2019**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Heather Lundy

Ray Rudolph

Leesa Bohler

Danny Mahfet

Erica Backus

Melinda Spisso

Fariborz Zaer

Larry Silberman

**Board Members Absent**

Abra Lattany-Reed

Emily Dickinson

Sarah Lamar

**Staff in Attendance**

Aileen Gabbey

Julie Schwartz

**Guest**

Lauren Dumas

**Approval of Agenda**

Heather moved to approve the agenda; Danny seconded. Approved.

**Review and approval of July Minutes**

Heather reviewed the July minutes. Melinda moved to approve the minutes; Ray seconded. Approved.

**Mission Moment**

Julie delivered the Mission Moment, which focused on breast density. The Journal of National Cancer Institute estimates that 43% of women of a certain age have dense breasts, which can interfere with reading a mammogram.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Aileen delivered the Executive Director’s report. We briefly reviewed the succession planning documents, of which headquarters provided templates. We were encouraged to find that we were already doing the required succession activities. These documents include a board succession policy and an executive director succession policy. Ray moved to approve the succession plan, Heather seconded; all were in favor and it passed.

Aileen alerted us to communication she received from headquarters about a small protest in New York over Komen’s perceived inattention to individuals living with metastatic breast cancer. We had a brief discussion about that issue, and discussed talking points to share if questioned about this.

Ray reported on the progress of the committee to aid those living with metastatic breast cancer. They are still in the process of determining who is, and how to reach those, living with metastatic breast cancer in our community. We are still trying to get a grasp of who those patients are, so that we can determine how best to serve them.

**Race Update**

The first Race meeting will be October 1st.

Ray reported that the sponsorship committee is poised to kick off soon. Ray and Aileen are trying to get an earlier commitment from Memorial, since last year it got down to the wire. Larry knows our contact at Memorial and offered to reach out to him.

The Race committee will meet on Tuesdays at 6 pm at the Komen office. Leesa encourage any board members who are able to stop by and say hello and thank you.

Headquarters is recommending a lower registration fee, so there will need to be discussions about whether the loss in registration money will be set off by increased fundraising. Research has shown that those who register early raise more money. We had a discussion about phased registrations, which we do, and whether we should explore waiving, or decreasing, Race fees for people who commit to raise a certain amount of money.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Danny delivered the treasurer’s report. We have financial statements through June. We are currently sitting in that period between Race and BigWigs, so we don’t have a ton of activity right now. We’re tracking pretty well, and our expense ratio is 30.56%, which seems a touch high but we are actually tracking under budget on that. There are a few timing issues - we are still waiting on the check from the ladies’ golf tournament, which will be about $19,000.

Melinda made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report; Danny seconded. Approved.

Julie discussed the 2016 Effingham Hospital grant and reminded the Board that they needed to vote to rescind the remainder of the grant since the grantee did not meet expectations set forth in the contract.  The Board previously agreed that this was necessary, but did not take a vote on it.  Motion to approve rescind of Effingham final balance of $21,612 for GR16012. Board approved.

**Mission**

RFA Approval

Julie reviewed the grant Request for Application. Ray moved that we approve the RFA; Larry seconded. Everyone was in agreement. RFA approved.

**Board Development**

Heather reported on the progress of the Board Development Committee. We had a discussion about how Leesa is our only survivor on the Board, and this is her last year. We think it is important to have a survivor on the Board, so Board members were asked to think of anyone who may be a good fit.

Diane Weems, Ginger Graham, and Patricia Stephens were suggested.

**Fundraising**

Big Wig Campaign

Aileen updated us on the progress of the Big Wigs. We have 11 confirmed BigWigs, and it is a very diverse group. The BigWig Campaign kicks off a week from today.

The BigWig Bash is November 7th at Savannah Station. We are still looking for sponsors for this; Aileen will send us the sponsorship levels, which are either $1,500 or $5,000.

**Lily Pad Exercise**

Lauren Dumas returned to perform the lily pad exercise. We discussed our exercise in January to remind us why we are doing the lily pad exercise today. We would like to focus on major donors, which is why we are performing this exercise today.

**Next Meeting**: October 8, 2019 at the Komen office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.