

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2008 3:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harlan Rasmussen, Bill Huppert, Dixie See, Ron Mischke, Randy Bomar.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Miller, Michael Strahan, M.D.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Harlan Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The previous meeting minutes of June 30, 2008 were reviewed. After review, Ron Mischke made a motion to approve the minutes, Dixie See seconded the motion and motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, INTRODUCTIONS

Tom Ringley introduced Gene Davis, newly appointed President of the Hospital Foundation.

Mike McCafferty recognized members of the medical staff in attendance. A memo was sent to all physicians inviting them to attend today's meeting for discussion of the proposed Cancer Center & Surgery Center.

QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ron Mischke noted there was no Quality Council Meeting held in July. Lajune Bacon stated that the year-end report will be shared with the Board in August.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. Hanebrink was not able to attend the meeting. No report was given.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Forward Sheridan - Mike McCafferty introduced Mr. Phillippe Chino and Mr. Dick Weber who were in attendance to update the Board on Forward Sheridan. Mr. Weber reviewed information on Forward Sheridan, including actions taken for 2006-2008, challenges identified, action steps, and the benefits of economic development to Sheridan Memorial Hospital

Mike McCafferty noted that the reason the hospital invested in Forward Sheridan is because both are working towards the same goals, i.e. workforce shortage, housing, child care, etc. Mr. McCafferty said the hospital supports efforts for economic growth and he feels this is a wise investment.

Harlan Rasmussen said that he is in support all of Forward Sheridan's concepts, but questioned whether the hospital is an appropriate entity to make such a contribution. Ron Mischke said he is also in support of Forward Sheridan, but has an issue with a tax-free organization giving money to another tax-free organization.

Bill Huppert, Randy Bomar and Dixie See said they were in favor of supporting Forward Sheridan.

Harlan Rasmussen reported that Forward Sheridan has submitted a renewed request for additional funding of \$10,000.

Randy Bomar made a motion to give another \$10,000 to Forward Sheridan, Ron Mischke seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-2 vote. Bill Huppert, Randy Bomar, and Dixie See voted in favor of the motion, opposing votes by Ron Mischke and Harlan Rasmussen.

Discussion Of Cancer Center/Surgery Center & Facility - The Board at their May 28th meeting authorized Mike McCafferty to explore the conceptual design, costs, funding strategies, and associated documents for a cancer center and surgery center. Mr. McCafferty reported that the hospital has done a lot of work exploring this and have put out to bid to a number of different design-build firms. These firms were asked to give their qualification and design concepts and estimates for a multi- us facility that could include cancer center and surgery center and potentially more space for an office building. The list has been narrowed to three qualified firms. Mr. McCafferty said there is no recommendation today, but additional discussion will take place at a leadership meeting on August 13th. Further information will be provided to the Board at a meeting planned for August 20th to discuss the strategic capital plan.

John Stamato, M.D., Radiation Oncologist, was in attendance and asked if the hospital would talk with an architectural firm from out of town who specializes in cancer center construction. Mr. McCafferty said there is room for opportunity here and others can tap into their expertise.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ron Mischke reported in Gary Miller's absence.

Financial Statements - Mr. Mischke noted that June was the third lowest month in volume for the year, operations were strong, bad debt was down and there was an increase in charity care. Harlan Rasmussen asked how close to target were the accounts receivable and Ed Johlman said he feels they will be below 60 days by September 1st.

Ron Mischke asked about software for contractual reimbursement. Mike McCafferty noted that the hospital has recently hired a coder for the Emergency Department which will help in this area of reimbursement.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Tom Ringley reported that another Foundation Partner function was held last week. Gifts were distributed to employees and additional partners joined the Foundation with a total now of 352 hospital employee partners.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Forister reported that the Dialysis Project is on schedule with a completion date of November, 2008 and the conceptual plans for the Laboratory Project are moving along.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the open meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. and the Board went into executive session.

The meeting re-opened at 4:10 p.m. and reported that no action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Recorder,
Joanne Redder