

ROCKY KNOLL HEALTH CARE CENTER FOUNDATION MINUTES

Rocky Knoll Health Care Center
N7135 Rocky Knoll Parkway
Plymouth, WI 53073
Shah West Conference Room

April 27, 2015

Called to Order: 3:30 PM

Adjourned: 4:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Conrardy, Linda Laible, Rachelle Valleskey, Dale Pauls, Denis Schmideler, Tim Woodworth

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bernie Nowicki, Ron Becker, Roger Otten, Brian Hoffmann

Mr. Conrardy called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. It was noted that the agenda was posted on April 21st, 2015 at 10:45am in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

A motion was made by Linda Laible and seconded by Dale Pauls to approve the minutes of the March 23rd, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Rachelle reported receiving a correspondence from Travis Gross, the Director of the Sheboygan County Historical Society and Museum thanking us for sending them a copy of the historical booklet about Rocky Knoll. He referred to it as a "wonderful piece of Sheboygan County history."

Letters had been sent along with a copy of the booklet to the four requested sites where the booklet will be available to the public. An acrylic holder has been ordered for displaying the booklet in Rocky Knoll's lobby as well.

Discussion was held on the possible purchase of additional computers for resident use. The request came from Resident Council. Access to the Internet is the resident's main desire. The few computers available now for shared resident use are in high demand and Internet speed on them is slow. Rachelle has spoken with our IT technician about obtaining some computers from the County that are not in use. He will look into it and get back to her about availability and cost of upgrades if needed. We are hoping to obtain and use these on 1West and 2West. It was suggested that the current computer for resident use in Woodland Village be replaced with a unit offering faster internet speed. Many of the residents who come to Woodland Village have their own laptop or tablet, so having one shared unit available there would be sufficient. Denis Schmideler made a motion to proceed with purchasing one new computer for Woodland Village. Motion was seconded by Linda Laible. Motion carried. We will purchase one new computer outright and see what the County may have available for additional units.

Rachelle reported that the revisions to the Foundation website were completed as discussed at the last meeting. As new photos are taken they will be uploaded to the website to more accurately depict the work the Foundation has done recently. Members were given a list of the Donations made to the residents through the Foundation from 2010 – 2014. Some of these items will be highlighted on the updated website. It is hoped that members of the community will be encouraged to consider a gift to the Foundation through seeing and hearing about the good things the Foundation has been able to accomplish and hopes to accomplish in the future through the generous donations it receives.

Discussion was held regarding how to proceed with updating the Foundation brochure. It was agreed that we should update the brochure to include some projects that we would like to complete in the next few years. Again, the hope is to get people excited about what is possible through active participation in the Foundation and support of its goals. Linda Laible volunteered to work on the brochure update once we decide what specific changes should be made to it.

Discussion was held on what some of the future goals and projects for the Foundation are. The Tranquility Garden project is still in our vision, but the scope of the work is so broad that we will need to advance it by taking smaller steps to develop areas on the grounds for the enjoyment of the outdoors. The committee members took a walk outside and looked at several areas around the building that could be developed or improved to provide nice sitting areas for residents and visitors.

A popular area for residents to catch a little sunshine is right outside the front lobby. The southern exposure and proximity to the building entrance is ideal for relaxation and safety. The concrete paving could be expanded to accommodate more people (and wheelchairs) and an awning could be installed for sun protection. It was decided to obtain bids for embellishing this area. As we walked around the outside of the building it was noted that the panels between the brick exterior sections are in need of painting. We will also get an estimate for painting these. Other suggestions included wheelchair accessible "trails" to utilize the grounds, raised beds for residents to plant, and sprucing up the courtyard area outside of 1North that faces the West.

It was suggested that we include a note in the resident's monthly statement (that is sent to the responsible family member) asking if they had suggestions for items/projects that would benefit all residents. It would be another source for ideas that the Foundation could consider supporting.

Tim Woodworth presented the Financial report. Dale Pauls suggested that we consider investing some of our current funds in order to get a higher rate of interest than they currently receive from the bank account. Investing in stocks was brought up. Discussion to continue on this topic at our next meeting. Denis Schmideler made a motion to accept the Financial report, seconded by Linda Laible. Motion carried.

Tim Woodworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Denis Schmideler. Motion carried.

The next Foundation Meeting will be June 1st at 3:30 pm at Rocky Knoll Health Care Center in the Shah West Conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Cindy Stevens
Recording Secretary