

**MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**February 27, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County met in a special joint meeting with the Foundation Board of Directors on February 27, 2020, at 5:30 PM with Mr. Charlie Van Over, Foundation President, presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Van Over called the meeting to order and announced there was a quorum of the Foundation Board. There was also a quorum of the Hospital Board of Trustees with the following present: Mr. Taylor Jones, Mr. Marty Kelsey, Dr. Barbara Sowada, and Mr. Ed Tardoni. Excused: Mr. Richard Mathey.

Officially present: Ms. Irene Richardson, Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Tiffany Marshall, Foundation Director; and Dr. Lawrence Lauridsen, Medical Staff President.

Foundation Board of Directors present: Ms. Dianne Blazovich, Ms. Becky Costantino, Ms. Gina Harvey, Dr. Joseph Oliver, Mr. Charlie Van Over, and Mr. Fred Von Ahrens.

Mr. Van Over read aloud the Foundation mission statement.

**MHSC TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for attending. He reported the Hospital quality scores are off the chart. The goals of the strategic plan for patient centered care and the direction Ms. Richardson has led everything is starting to pay off. It takes time. Every ship that sails properly has to have a good captain and we have that and that's a lot of the reason we are seeing good things. Mr. Jones said we are hearing people are happier here than they have been for a long time. Quality, finances, employee participation are looking good. Ms. Richardson reported we have 132 days of cash on hand. Mr. Jones said we had some rough times financially this year but we are turning things around. The Finance Department presented a plan to make even more progress and we are ironing out the details. The plan will help patients and our billing process. Ms. Richardson credited the staff, the Board, and the Foundation because it is a team effort. She said we have great people and great goals. We have a great collaborative, unified effort. Ms. Richardson invited the Foundation Board to attend the March 26 Strategic Plan Update from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon. The location will be announced when confirmed. Mr. Jones noted the Hospital Board meeting packet is available for public review on our Internet site and he encouraged the Foundation Board to view when they have a chance. Mr. Van Over said it is good to hear there is this much progress and a good direction.

**FOUNDATION BOARD UPDATE**

Mr. Van Over said the 3D mammo was actually a project of the Foundation that started at a Red Tie Gala two or three years ago. He is glad to hear it is coming back around. He wishes we had enough time to finish the campaign and raise the money at the time. Mr. Van Over reported the

golf tournament last August was very successful. He said everything Ms. Marshall does is just fabulous. The Foundation spent over \$200,000 for various equipment for the needs of the Hospital. Much of that money came from the Gala and the golf tournament. Mr. Van Over reported this year's Gala was a resounding success. The number of guests increased. The Hospital served dinner and did a fantastic job. The Foundation designed a plan for different fundraising committees to establish to broaden efforts to raise funds. Two weeks ago, the Foundation kicked off their annual support committee made up of the Foundation Board. They are finalizing their charter. Mr. Van Over said it will be a road map for other committees to get kicked off. We want to get more people from the community involved. This has been one of Ms. Marshall's big goals. It has taken us awhile to get there but we are off and rolling. Mr. Van Over said we will have another golf tournament in 2020. The goal is to continue to buy equipment the Hospital needs. Requests keep coming in. Mr. Van Over thanked the Hospital Board for meeting and welcomed the Board to leave at this point or remain for the rest of the Foundation meeting. The Trustees remained.

## **FOUNDATION OLD BUSINESS**

### **Red Tie Gala Review**

Ms. Marshall reported over \$125,000 as profit for the event which is up from last year. She said we still have some money trickling in. Ms. Blazovich shared a concern from the winner of the Razor vehicle. She said we must ensure next year that the winner may exchange it with the vendor for another item if desired. The group congratulated Ms. Marshall on a great event.

### **New Board Members Discussion**

Mr. Van Over said he leaves the Foundation Board in November and Mr. Von Ahrens leaves in July. Ms. Marshall said the matrix was not updated for membership because she did not receive feedback. She did receive names for committees but not for the Board of Directors. Ms. Blazovich said she would rather have a full Board before committees. The group discussed names submitted previously. Ms. Marshall said she will put the information in the membership matrix and distribute for the Foundation to discuss at their next meeting March 26.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Funding Request**

Ms. Richardson said she sent an e-mail to the Foundation Board after discussing this idea with Mr. Jones and Ms. Marshall. The Hospital's existing mammo is over 10 years old. We are ready to buy a new machine and it is budgeted for the current year. She asked the Foundation if they would consider purchasing the 3D mammo machine. There was discussion of this helping the Foundation get their name out there and might help with their efforts to grow their committees. Mr. Von Ahrens said an art board he sits on recently reminded them donors want to see you spend the money you raise. Mr. Van Over said the Foundation would need to be featured prominently in the advertising about the purchase of the equipment. The motion to approve the Foundation funding the entire amount for a new 3D mammo machine as discussed was made by Mr. Von Ahrens; second by Mr. Jones. Motion carried. The request will be taken to the Board of Trustees meeting

March 4. Mr. Tardoni said the message should be this is what the community bought for the Hospital thru the efforts of the Foundation.

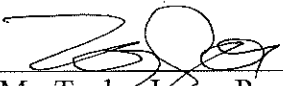
**March/April/May Foundation Board Meetings**

The Foundation Board will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM in the CEO office. Mr. Van Over said it will be very important for everybody to come to these meetings.


Ms. Marshall said the Doctor's Day Dinner will be Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 PM at Santa Fe Trail and she heard grass skirts are required. She will forward more information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

  
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Mr. Taylor Jones, President

Attest:

  
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Mr. Ed Tardoni, Secretary