

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

January 25, 2018

The Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County met in special session with the Hospital Foundation Board on January 25, 2018, at 6:00 PM with Dr. Barbara Sowada, Vice President, presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Sowada welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order, and announced a quorum. The following Trustees were present: Mr. Taylor Jones, Mr. Ed Tardoni, and Dr. Barbara Sowada. Excused: Mr. Richard Mathey and Mr. Marty Kelsey.

Officially present: Ms. Irene Richardson—Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Tiffany Marshall—Foundation Director; Mr. John Kolb—Sweetwater Board of County Commissioners; Foundation Board: Ms. Dianne Blazovich, Ms. Becky Costantino, Ms. Teresa Noble, Ms. Kelly Sugihara, Mr. Charlie Van Over, and Mr. Fred Von Ahrens.

FOUNDATION BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Van Over thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet. He said the Foundation Board focus right now is the Red Tie Gala. Mr. Van Over said he thinks Ms. Marshall has done a fabulous job and has put together a great team. Mr. Van Over said the Foundation Board has been busy in the past quarter. He said Ms. Marshall is working on a massive grant that is due shortly after the Gala. He said we are excited about our goals for the year and excited to get committees going. He said the Foundation established the Planned Gifts Committee in 2016. With the fall-out that happened in 2017, the Committee took a break and we are hoping to get it up and going again this year. Mr. Van Over said they are building and rebuilding. He said the Foundation Board is excited about opportunities to help the Hospital for example obtaining equipment. He said the Foundation Board wants to get more involved in that type of thing and they are looking forward to seeing the new Hospital mission statement. Dr. Sowada recognized the Foundation Board for all of their hard work and support.

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR UPATE

Ms. Marshall said the Gala is around the corner. She said we are excited for the event and outlined the evening events. There will be a special paddle event to help purchase 3D mammo software. Ms. Marshall reported the Foundation gave over \$78K last year for Hospital department needs. She said the Foundation received a small grant for cancer awareness and are working on hosting an event in downtown Rock Springs. Ms. Marshall said she is working on another grant to hire a person to offer five different programs throughout the year for cancer

prevention. She said she attended a recent Eagles dinner where the group donated \$9,680 to the Foundation. We received \$2,500 from the Marines for the Waldner House. Ms. Marshall said we will keep building on the support of our community. She said she does not anticipate changes in tax laws will impact the Foundation. Ms. Noble said many people do not donate to write off their donations. She said we may see some decreases in donors but she is not sure of the real impact yet. Ms. Marshall said our Foundation promotes the mission and purpose rather than highlighting the tax side. She said one of our key goals is getting the committees moving. She asked the Board of Trustees if they are interested in helping build the committees for a collaborative effort. Mr. Jones asked Ms. Marshall to send the Board an email with more information.

HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Dr. Sowada reflected on the past year and said on February 7th we hit Class 5 rapids. She recognized all of the groups that brought us through the rapids. She said Leaders, Physicians, and Staff worked together to do what was needed. She recognized the Foundation for their help and for their courage to stick with this "boat." Dr. Sowada recognized the County Commissioners for taking a stand and moving forward. She recognized the Hospital Board for working together well. She said they are very different people but collectively have the right set of skills. She said instability in the container is the most risky stage in change. Dr. Sowada said we must commit to the ride, be willing to help one another, be trustworthy and trust, and have the right intention to protect and preserve the Hospital in the community's control. She said we all did it together. Dr. Sowada said finances have improved and she is hearing positive comments in the community. She said the Red Tie event is larger than ever and we have re-engaged the community with the Hospital. Mr. Jones thanked the County Commissioners for pitching in and working to generate some enthusiasm for the event. Mr. Kolb said we are all in this together.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

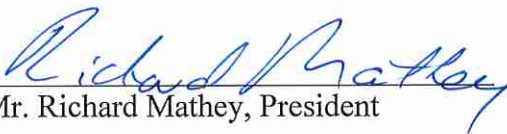
Ms. Richardson said we are all doing this together and echoed Dr. Sowada's comments. She said she has been asked to speak at various places around the community and is working to schedule those events. Ms. Richardson expressed special thanks to the Foundation Board for the items they have purchased. She invited the Foundation Board to the upcoming strategic planning retreat. Ms. Richardson discussed the multiple visits from The Joint Commission in the previous few months. She added that the Hospital received full accreditation in December. The Joint Commission will return in March 2018. Ms. Richardson said through December, MHSC sat at a \$168K gain. We have reduced agency outsourcing and recruited staff to fill those positions. We have reduced the length of stay through improvement of our efficiencies. Ms. Richardson said patient revenue is trending the same as the previous year. We are recruiting physicians for Ortho and Pediatrics. Ms. Richardson said we are excited to have Dr. Banu Symington join us soon. We will host Town Halls quarterly in April, July, October, and January. Ms. Richardson said she is excited for the Gala. We are excited to work on our mission, vision, and value statements. She said we really want to make sure that we have some great goals that we can support and work toward. We expect MHSC to provide exceptional care. Ms. Costantino congratulated Ms. Richardson on a great job pulling the Hospital through some hard times. Mr. Kolb complimented the Foundation for purchasing the white boards in the patient rooms. Mr. Van Over mentioned that he is very proud to be a member of the Foundation and excited to move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

The next joint meeting is scheduled Thursday – April 26, 2018, at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ms. Cindy Nelson & Ms. Tiffany Marshall.


Mr. Richard Mathey, President

Attest:


Mr. Marty Kelsey, Secretary