

Annual Board of Directors Dinner Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2014

SACRED HEART VILLAGE



SACRED HEART VILLAGE II



THE MINISTRY OF CARING



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE



SACRED HEART HOUSING



Members present: Greg Adams, MD, Anthony Alfieri, CPA, Ethel Anderson, Barbra Andrisani, The Hon. Jim Baker, Jamie Brown, MSW, Mati Buccini, Maria Cabrera, Sue Canning, Chip Connolly, Esq., Patricia Enerio, Esq., Rick Gessner, The Hon. Bob Gilligan, Joe Grey, Chris Griffiths, Esq., The Hon. Kent Jordan, The Hon. Ted Kaufman, Sr. Pat Kereszi, OSF, Paul King, Ed.D., Deborah Kraak, Margaret Levesque, Connie McCarthy, Pete McCarthy, The Hon. Mary McDonough, Frank Modesto, Br. Nick Mormando, OFM Cap., Corinne Murphy, Oswaldo Nicastro, MD, Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq., Mark Reardon, Esq., Maureen Rhodes, Judy Saydlowski, Eileen Schmitt, MD, Kathleen Duffy Smith, Esq., Sara Toner, Esq., Greg Varallo, Esq., Jake Werrett, Esq., Al Wells, David Wilk, CRE, MAI, Joe Yacyshyn

Members excused: Colm Connolly, Esq., Ron Dutton, Cindy Dwyer, Maureen Lesutis, Valerie Biden Owens, Br. Rod Pieretti, OFM Cap., Tara Quinn, Lee Ramunno, Esq., Fr. Francis Sariego, OFM Cap., Susan Stalneckner, Tom Sweeney, Esq., The Hon. Loretta Walsh

Opening Prayer: Br. Nick Mormando, OFM Cap.

Welcome to a joint meeting of five organizations:
Mark Poletunow, Deputy Director, Ministry of Caring

Mark Poletunow explained the format for the evening, and invited everyone to enjoy the dinner.

Ministry of Caring Inc.

Ministry of Caring Approval of Minutes of 5/15/14:

Frank Modesto, President

A motion was made by Eileen Schmitt, MD to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014; Anthony Alfieri, CPA, seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Ministry of Caring Annual Report:

Frank Modesto, President gave highlights from 2014.

Program Highlight:

Mark Poletunow, Deputy Director introduced Tony A. He praised and thanked Tony for his positive contribution.

Presentation of Ministry of Caring FY15 Budget:

Keith Dorman, CFO

Keith Dorman presented the balanced budget on behalf of the Ministry of Caring Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Chip Connolly, Esq., to approve the budget. Mark Reardon, Esq., seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Ministry of Caring Annual Elections:

Chip Connolly, Chair, Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee proposes that the Board of Directors vote to increase the number of directors from 27 to 30. The By-Laws, Section 4.02 states: "The size of the board of directors may change from time to time by a majority of the board."

A motion was made by Mark Reardon, Esq., to increase the maximum number of board members from 27 to 30. Eileen Schmitt, MD, seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Nominations to Re-elect for three-year term:

Anthony Alfieri

Chris Griffiths

Connie McCarthy

Fr. Nick Mormando

Mark Reardon

Maureen Rhodes

Greg Varallo

Al Wells

Joe Yacyshyn

Nominated Slate of Officers for one-year term:

President: Frank Modesto
 Vice President: Greg Varallo, Esq.
 Secretary: Chris Griffiths, Esq.
 Treasurer: Tom Sweeney, Esq.

Nomination for three-year term:

The Honorable Robert Gilligan
 Denny Nealon
 Bill Popeo

A motion was made by Chip Connolly, Esq., to approve the above elections. Greg Varallo, Esq., seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Sacred Heart Village Inc.

Sacred Heart Village Approval of Minutes of 9/18/14:

Kathleen Duffy Smith, Esq., President

A motion was made by Judge Kent Jordan to approve the minutes as presented. Pete McCarthy seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Sacred Heart Village Annual Report:

Kathleen Duffy Smith, Esq. introduced Sr. Pat Kereszi, OSF

Program Highlight:

Sr. Pat Kereszi, OSF, Manager

Sr. Pat Kereszi gave an update on the residents and spoke about the recent activities at the Village.

Introduction of Shirley C., Sacred Heart Village resident—Sr. Pat announced that Pastor C. had founded a prayer group and the Sew-Sassy Quilters, who donate their creations to hospitals all over the world.

Pastor C. thanked Br. Ronald and the board members for inviting her to speak. She was the first resident on the third floor of Sacred Heart Village. She is very grateful for the elevator, and the pleasant management. She also appreciates the extra amenities, such as the café, beauty salon, computer lab, fitness room with personal trainer, and the craft room. The Higlie Activities room is large enough for quilting and the prayer group.

Presentation of Sacred Heart Village FY15 Budget:

Keith Dorman, CFO

Keith presented the Sacred Heart Village HUD-approved budget.

A motion was made by Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq., to approve the budget. Pete McCarthy seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Sacred Heart Village Annual Elections:

Kathleen Duffy Smith, Esq.

Nomination to Re-elect for three-year term:

Chris Griffiths, Esq.

Fr. Nick Mormando, OFM Cap.

Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq.

Nominated Slate of Officers for one-year term:

President Eileen Schmitt, MD

Vice President: Chris Griffiths, Esq.

Secretary: Judy Saydlowski

Treasurer Peter McCarthy

Nominated for three-year term:

Br. Rod Pieretti, OFM Cap.

A motion was made by Judge Jordan to approve the above elections. Pete McCarthy seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Kathleen Duffy Smith, Esq., thanked the board for their support and hard work during her three terms as president.

The Sacred Heart Village board expresses its deep thanks to the officers who have so faithfully served their terms: Kathleen Duffy Smith, Esq., President, Eileen Schmitt, MD, Vice President, Pete McCarthy and Christopher Griffiths, Esq., Treasurer

Mother Teresa House Inc.

Mother Teresa House Approval of Minutes of 9/16/14:

Eileen Schmitt, MD, President

A motion was made by Tricia Enerio, Esq., to approve the minutes. Dr. David Hack seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Mother Teresa House Annual Report

Dr. Eileen Schmitt

Dr. Schmitt reported that two new board members had been welcomed in 2014: Tricia Enerio, Esq. and Peggy Strine.

The House is fully occupied, with a waiting list of 8.

Br. Bill Herbst, OFM, former Program Director was reassigned to another area. Mother Teresa House welcomed the new Director, Br. Balaswamy Thippabathini, OFM Cap.

Deputy Director Johane Cherico resigned, and Mark Poletunow took over her duties.

Dr. Schmitt introduced Br. Balaswamy.

Program Highlight:

Br. Balaswamy Thippabathini, OFM Cap., Manager

Mark Poletunow welcomed Br. Balaswamy from India.

Br. Balaswamy stated that he has been in the United States for two years, and began his ministry here in Wilmington two months ago.

The House has six residents and a resident manager, with a waiting list of 8.

Br. Balaswamy introduced Jamar F., site manager

Jamar spoke of coming to the Ministry, where he found the stability he needed. He began as resident manager at House of Joseph Transitional Residence, then transferred to Mother Teresa House when it was established. He found a real community at this House; camaraderie during game nights, movie nights, etc.

Presentation of Mother Teresa House FY15 Budget:

Keith Dorman, CFO

Keith presented the HUD-approved budget for Mother Teresa House. Dr. Schmitt called for an approval.

A motion was made by Tricia Enerio, Esq., to approve the budget as presented. Sr. Pat Kerezsi seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Mother Teresa House Annual Elections:

Eileen Schmitt, MD, Chair, Nominating Committee

Nominated Slate of Officers for one-year term:

President	David Hack, MD
Vice President	Oswaldo Nicastro, MD
Secretary	Jacob Werrett, Esq.
Treasurer	The Hon. Mary McDonough

Nomination for a three-year term:

Tamika Montgomery-Reeves

A motion was made by Tricia Enerio, Esq. to approve the above elections. Dr. Oswaldo Nicastro seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Br. Ronald, on behalf of the Mother Teresa House board, expressed deep thanks to outgoing president, Eileen Schmitt, MD, who faithfully served since 2009. She was the founding president.

Sacred Heart Village II Inc.

Sacred Heart Village II Approval of Minutes of 9/11/14: *Chip Connolly, Esq., President*

Chip Connolly, Esq. called for approval of the minutes.

A motion was made by Margaret Levesque to approve the minutes. Corinne Murphy seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Sacred Heart Village II Construction Report: *Br. Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap., Executive Director*

Br. Ronald stated that the contractors have made great progress; it is hoped the foundation can be laid and the place enclosed before the winter months.

Chip Connolly, Esq., introduced Annie Halverson.

Program Highlight: *Annie Halverson, Paralegal and Executive Administrator*

Annie Halverson spoke about the settlement for government funding.

On August 11, we had a great turnout at our Groundbreaking.

Annie expressed gratitude to everyone in the room for their hard work and prayers.

Annie announced that just next door in the Higley Activities room on September 30, Governor Markell signed a bill to amend Title 31 of the Delaware Code related to Adult Protective Services that affords banking institutes the right to freeze an account if they suspect senior abuse.

Presentation of Sacred Heart Village II Financial Report: *Keith Dorman, CFO*

Sacred Heart Village II Annual Elections *Chip Connolly, Esq.*

Nomination to Re-elect for three-year term:

Susan C. Canning
Sara T. Toner, Esq.

Nominated Slate of Officers for one-year term:

President: Chip Connolly, Esq.
Vice President: Susan Canning

Secretary: Corinne Murphy
 Treasurer: L. Vincent Ramunno, Esq.

Nomination to Elect as Honorary Board Member:

Cynthia Dwyer

Thanks to retiring board members:

Ron Dutton
 Mary Malachi
 Frank Stransky

Nomination for a three-year term:

Gert Abel
 Matt Boyer
 Tom Higley
 Angelina Sarro
 Joan Wachstein

A motion was made by Sara Toner, Esq., to approve the elections above. Margaret Levesque seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

The Sacred Heart Village II board expresses its deep gratitude to Cynthia Dwyer for so faithfully serving her terms as Vice President.

Sacred Heart Housing Inc.

Mark Poletunow introduced President Joe Grey.

Sacred Heart Housing Approval of Minutes of 9/17/14:
Joe Grey, President

A motion was made by Rick Gessner to approve the minutes. Ethel Anderson seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Sacred Heart Housing Yearly Report:
Debbe Philips, Past President and Joe Grey, President

Joe Grey introduced Debbe Philips, who stated that she had been privileged to serve three terms as Secretary and two as President. She thanked her colleagues who had served along with her as members or liaisons: Anthea Piscarik, former Executive Director of Sacred Heart Housing (SHH), Louisa Teoli, former Vice President, Annie Halverson, Sr. Christa Rowe, OSC, Mark Poletunow, Br. Miguel Ramirez, OFM Cap., Br. Robert Perez, OFM Cap., Linda Richardson, Keith Dorman and Br. Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap.

Since its inception, Sacred Heart Housing's first and most impressive project was the completion of Sacred Heart Village.

Debbe thanked and congratulated the new president, Joe Grey, wished the board luck with the new project, and pledged her support in the development of Sacred Heart Village II.

Joe Grey thanked Debbe Philips for her service over the last five years. He explained that elections for SHH would not be held this evening, since the new slate of officers and board had been voted upon earlier in the year.

Joe introduced Vice President Rick Gessner.

Program Highlight:

Rick Gessner, Vice President

Rick Gessner explained that his talk would focus on the importance of creating more affordable housing in our community. Every five years, DSHA publishes a study of housing. In the most recent study, it was revealed that Delaware is one of the most rapidly aging states in the country. Delaware's age 55+ population has grown from 22% in 2000 to an expected 30% in 2015.

While we have accomplished a lot with senior housing in Delaware, there's still a lot to do. In Wilmington, 74% of seniors are cost-disadvantaged.

Upcoming Events:

Priscilla Rakestraw, Director of Development

Priscilla Rakestraw mentioned the Eleganza fundraiser which was held the previous afternoon, and she thanked those volunteers present, as well as those who had attended.

Mark Poletunow thanked everyone for serving on these five boards, as well as all employees present. He also acknowledged Bill Bradley and his assistants for the wonderful dinner.

Closing prayer: Debbe Philips