

**RCHA La Playa Unit Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2018**  
**Home of Leigh Burdine**

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by **Leigh Burdine**

There was a discussion of the upcoming events that other Auxiliary's are having. Please check them out on the agenda and on the website. There are many interesting options.

Leigh read through the changes to the Rady Children's Auxiliary bylaws. We voted to approve the changes.

The Annual Meeting will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Reservations can be made online. Please do it this way.

**Leigh Burdine** gave the **inspiration** regarding talking about how we volunteer because we care and not because we will put it on college application. She read a poem called "Who's to Say".

Leigh did a quiz to see who knows how much was raised by the hospital auxiliary overall. The answer was 2.7 million.

**Cheryl Haas** made a motion to approved the June 2018 meeting minutes, motion was seconded by **Julie Connolly**. All approved.

**Tammy Miller** gave the **Treasurer's** report and announced that the new budget was discussed in the board and will be posted in the Flya. We currently have \$4098.24 in our account. We will have a \$1500 donation to Celebration of Champions.

**Karen Robertson** announced the library is booked through January. Our next meeting will be at PLCPC to try it out. The cost will be \$100. If you are able to schedule a meeting at your home or to bring the chairs, that would be very helpful. Thanks to Annie Jessop for bringing the chairs today. Jet Heintz announced that she lives close to Nancy and that she can easily pick up the chairs each time. Gail Huthcheson volunteered to be a back-up for Jet. By the end of the discussion, we were set for the year on meeting locations.

**Marilyn Cornwell** gave an update for **Ways & Means – In Unit**. Marjo Miller is updating our brochure. The brochure/website/auxiliary all needs to be consistent. It has slowed down the process. The date for Celebration of Champions next year is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Liza Pinard read off the open positions for Celebration of Champions. Please let Liza know which position you want. The Flya will then list positions that are still open. Marilyn announced that our website typically shuts down for donations the

day after Celebration of Champions. Kristen Gillespie helped to get this changed so the website will be up and able to take donations all year. Last year we donated \$862,000 to the hospital due to the matching from the hospital Foundation.

**Michelle Riley** announced that they are working on **the holiday party**. The party will be a social event. If someone would like to step-up to do a fundraising portion/auction at the party, that would be welcomed but is not part of what Michelle and Gaby are planning.

**Day to Donate** will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>. **Claudia Virgilio** will be working with the schools with some fun ideas. If your chapter raises over \$500 we get to participate in a Light Up the Night Event. There will be a Sign Up Genius sent out with more information.

**Cindy Edson and Sheila Thomas** announced the new members. They are: Jill Denman, Pam Patterson, Julie Davis, Katherine Puckett, Angela Vedder, Karen Milkes, Laurie Meadows and Kara Holmes are our new members.

**Cindy Edson** gave out anniversary pins. Leigh Burdine received her 10 year pin and Barbara Brown received her 40 year pin. Cindy also passed out the pins from last year.

**Jenn Senn** gave us an overview of the **Education** Seminar she attended. It was about 3D printing and how it can be used in the hospital. A few examples include: creating a model of a child's heart, creating small devices that are needed that also become a revenue source, using models to explain a surgery to a family. Next month's topic is cancer and blood disorders on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Kathleen Caffo** gave us an update on **the Rady Children's Ice Rink**. There will be a soft opening November 17<sup>th</sup>, which is a Saturday morning. The big festivities will take place during tree lighting on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 pm on a Friday night. The San Diego Gulls are a new monetary sponsor. The rink has already raised almost \$100,000 this year. Some of the larger donors have given feedback on how they want the rink to look. For example Sponsor logos will be projected onto the rink. There will not be season passes this year but there will be a punch card. Look for further updates.

**Leigh Burdine** gave a **Hospital Liaison** report for Nicole Wickstrand and Gaby Sanders. She announced that our unit participated in a birthday party at the Bernardy Center. Let us know that Nicole and Gaby did a great job.

**Gail Hutcheson** announced that the jar is available for **Genomics**. Please bring your loose change.

**Kathy Brown** updated us with **Honoring and Remembrance**. She let us know that Irene Ward passed away and we sent a card to the family and a donation to the hospital. There are also some new grandbabies in our Unit.

**Liza Pinard** announced that there is a fundraiser with **Geppetto's** on October 10<sup>th</sup>. We need 4 volunteers to help out. We will receive 10% of sales.

**Cheryl Haas** announced the deadline for **the La Playa Flya** information is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Leigh Burdine** announced that we will have a **Jersey Mikes** rep this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:12am

**\* Don't forget to collect your toiletries! Please bring to upcoming meetings. Items can also be dropped off at Nicole's house: 1292 Santa Barbara Street.**

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**Thank you to Karen Robertson for organizing today's meeting & lunch! Big thanks to hostesses Dawn Smith, Heather Wolff & Julie Wood. Also, thank you Annie Jessop for bringing the chairs!**