

RCHA La Playa Unit
March 17, 2017
Meeting Minutes
Home of Lori White

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 by Mary Kay Bates
Since it is St. Patrick's Day, she shared an Irish blessing.

Guest speaker: Judy Wagner

Her son was diagnosed when he was a Junior in high school. He spent 7 months in the hospital. She said the experience opened her eyes to the care and compassion at Rady Children's Hospital. They felt like he was the only patient there. After being at the hospital so much, she missed it when her son was done with treatment. She works at the hospital helping the families at bedtime with the bedtime cart. She is grateful for her experience so that she can help all of the families. She is amazed by the strength of the patients and families. She also does a tea time on Thursday and a parent support group.

Education: Leigh Burdine

She talked about how great it is to hear from other departments and a lot of them have funding needs. Dr. Sitar was the speaker. She is a professor of neurology. She treats epileptic children. The options are medication or surgery. The goal of the surgery is to increase quality of life. This department has no psychological care either. Leigh showed a graph of a patient's brain who had up to 10 seizures a night. The patient had surgery and the seizures stopped.

Kathee Weisenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2017 meeting. Ceci seconded the motion.

Treasurer, Tammy Miller reported that there is \$6644.78 in the account. It's time to pay dues. We will need to decide how much to donate to Celebration of Champions.

Membership: Lori White

If you don't have any changes, don't fill out the form. \$50 for Active Members. \$55 for Sustaining and \$800 for lifetime active. \$500 for lifetime sustaining. Please pay cash or check to Lori White, Erica Morton or Cindy Edson.

Ways & Means Out Unit: Celebrations of Champions

Julie Connolly - We are up to about \$227,000. The Peckham family will be a title sponsor again this year. Del Mar Kiwanis Club has given us a check and they will give us part of the proceeds for the Ugly Dog Club. They would like one of us to be a judge for the contest.

Point Loma High School is going to put together a new Celebration of Champions video for our website.

Leigh Burdine: bring a check or make payment at the next meeting for the \$100 minimum donation for CoC.

Nicole Wickstrand: email with any non-La Playa groups who can help, let Nicole know.

Sylvia: We need a new photographer to take photos at the event.

Annie and Ceci: We probably won't have the yacht club for work week. Dates of work week are May 15-18. Logowear items were shown and an interest list was passed around.

Marilyn Cornwell: talked about how one of the doctors from Pfizer said he didn't know who runs the event. She discussed what a compliment it was since we all pitch in.

Kids' News Day/Week of Giving: Michelle Riley and Kristin Gillespie

Michelle talked about how the kids got involved at Sunset View.

\$110,000 has come in overall so far. There was so much media coverage and new partnerships too. Kristin Gillespie discussed some of the things that happened at the Week of Giving reception. Kristin played a little bit of a song that was created.

Genomics Liaison: April Purcell

There is a golf tournament on June 12th. 1pm tee off and luncheon at Fairbanks Ranch. You can buy tickets for just part of it.

Fantasy on Ice - numbers are not in yet.

Hospital Liaison: Andrea Shillito and Regan Wiese

In February they went shopping for clothes to have at the hospital in case family members need them.

They just packed up the toiletry and snack bags and got them donated.

Denise Pryor will be decorating the room for Jazzy, our child at the Bernardy Center.

La Playa Flya: Cheryl Haas

Please send articles in by the end of the month and please write the full article that needs to go in.

Parliamentarian/Nominating: Heather Wolff

We will be voting on the slate next month.

Honoring and Remembering

Lisa Vieira gave the report for Bonnie Hage. Bobbie Monroe passed away last week. She was the last remaining founding member. Jett reported that she did not believe there will be a service but we would like to send flowers or make a donation.

Mary Kay Bates reported that that we need a member to speak at the Membership Seminar. The event is on May 13th.

Mona Morebello told us about the history of Peeps.

Jersey Mikes: Wendy Rosenthal

Day of giving is March 29th. They give 100% of their proceeds to the hospital. Share on social media. We need 3 more volunteers to help at the restaurant at that day.

Jett discussed the issue of the building that is going up at Kellogg Beach. Sign the [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition. There are 5 sources to contact.

The Charity Ball needs new people to help with the event.

This year all the proceeds are going to the trauma center. Contact Julie Connolly for more information.

Next meeting is April 21st at the library.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:26