

RCHA La Playa Unit
September 16, 2016
Agenda
Home of Anna Joslin

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Mary Kay Bates.

Mary Kay and Chris Stehly attended their first council meeting last week and she was very proud to represent us.

On September 9th, the 9 Months Matter walk took place. This helped to raise awareness for alcohol free pregnancy. Dr. Keith Jones spoke and then there was a symbolic walk around Liberty Station followed by a mock cocktail contest at Fireside Grill.

Mary Kay attended the first education meeting. Everyone is welcome at these meetings.

There are a still some openings on the board - Historian and Holiday Party Chairs are needed. Mary Kay asked some of the other units what they do and one suggestion was a wine tasting.

We should all make sure that we can attend the meetings regularly. Celebration of Champions is growing and we will need everyone to help with the event.

There are several events coming up including the Semi-annual meeting on November 1st. A sign up was passed around.

Mary Kay had to leave so Chris Stehly took over for the remainder.

Kathee Weisenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Tammy Miller. There is \$6976.61 in our account. Anything we raise for our in-unit fundrasier goes to Celebraton of Champions so we need to fill that position. We will vote on the budget at the next meeting.

Membership - Lori White, Erica Morton, Cindy Edson. Cindy attended a meeting and realized that we are the largest unit. She was asked how we retain our members. Cindy said that Celebration of Champions is a big part of it. Several other units echoed what a wonderful event it is.

The Auxilliary costs have gone up so dues may go up next year. We will be voting in January.

There are changes this year to the membership process. New members have a nomination form to fill out so that they have a better idea of what is

expected. The members who are nominating really need to be a partner throughout the year with the new member.

The membership committee will be checking people in at each meeting.

Heather Wolff commented that our event is so large, we need the active participation of all 75 active members since we are limited in how many active members we can have.

Members can go supporting if it's difficult to come to all of the meetings and you can still help with Celebration of Champions. Supporting members have first priority if they want to go active again. If you can't make meetings, communicate with the membership team.

Erica Morton said that if you are sponsoring someone you should be at the meetings so that you can truly mentor the person you are sponsoring.

Lori White read off the applications for membership. The following candidates are being proposed for membership: Julie Wood, Gayle Hutchins, Susan Killough, Ashley McDonald, Jennifer Senn, Hillary Crow.

New members will be voted on at the next meeting. We currently have 5 spots and 6 candidates.

Ways & Means Out Unit - Marilyn Cornwell, Lisa Stevenson & Julie Connolly.

Marilyn reminded everyone that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month.

Marilyn and Lisa hosted the thank you lunch for the Celebration of Champions sponsors over the summer.

Marjo Miller has been working on the program and the save the date cards.

Marilyn read some thank you letters that families wrote to our unit following Celebration of Champions.

Celebration of Champions this year will be held on May 20, 2017. It will be our 22nd year. The date has been confirmed with the Port.

Julie Connolly reported that we need to have our eyes out for new sponsors. Several of the Account Managers will be returning this year but we need more people to take on this position.

Julie is also working on the yearbook so please let her know if there are any changes.

Lisa Stevenson reported on the progress of filling all Celebration of Champions positions:

Account Managers: Denise Pryor, Chris Pickering, Heather Wolff, Erica Morton, Kathy Brown, Laura Kyle

Program: Jackie Callan, April Purcell

Awards: Sheila Thomas

Carnival:
Decorations:
Entertainment: Lori White, Claudia Virgilio
Environmental Compliance: Michelle Riley, Helen Willink
Equipment: Tammy Miller
Food: Mari Fink
Snacks: Megan Costa, Ann McManus
Logowear: Annie Jessop, Teresa Boyea, CeCi White, Kathee Weisenberg
Military Band/Colorguard: Allison Sullivan
Photography: Patrice Saxon, Sylvia Vecchione
Public Relations: Kristin Gillespie, Megan Rebelo
SD Harbor Police - Mari Fink
Thank you notes - Allison Sullivan, Linda Baker
Treasurer - Leigh Burdine
Volunteer Coordinator -
Sponsorship Development Rep - Gaby Sanders
Nametags - Cheryl Haas

New members should be paired with the Chair of a position.

Kids' News Day - Helen Willink, Michelle Riley, Kristin Gillespie

January 23, 2017 there will be a proclamation of the one week event. Ace Hardware will be providing buckets, the goal is to fill the buckets. There will not be a full paper, possibly a one page paper from the Union Tribune. It will make the logistics easier. Website goes live in October. They are looking for a presenting sponsor. They are also using crowd funding.

Michelle Riley spoke about how much time Kristin has spent re-working this event.

Kristin mentioned that there will be different events each day of the week. RCHA is asking each unit to have some type of fundraiser that week.

The one page paper will have ads and the Starbucks coupons.

We will have the yellow aprons and the buckets. All the same locations as in the past.

Genomics Liaison, Linda Hervey reported that there is an endowment for Genomics research.

April Purcell said she may need someone to take her position since she can not attend meetings on Monday.

Lisa Veira reported that we gave the hospital \$480,000 from Celebration of Champions, 2016.

Education - Leigh Burdine reported that all documents from the Education Seminars are on the member's only portion of the Auxilliary website. The first seminar was on gender management. Dr. Maya Marancovic spoke at the seminar. The clinic was started with 8 patients and now there are 170 patients. Leigh encouraged everyone to look at the notes from the seminar because all of the terms are listed there. There are specific criteria for diagnosis.

Fantasy on Ice - Heather Xitco, Chris Stehly, Dawn Smith. It will be at Liberty Station again this year. Opening night is November 17th. Please plan to participate. Kathleen Caffo reviewed the prices for this year. Last year \$130,000 was donated to the hospital. The Peckhams underwrote much of the construction costs since it was a new location.

Hospital Liaison - Andrea and Regan will need help decoration the lobby and collecting toiletries.

Next meeting: October 21st at the Point Loma Library. November will be at the library as well.

Lisa Veira gave the Honoring & Remembrance report for Bonnie Hage
Lisa Peckham was sent a card for her knee replacement surgery.
Lauren Root has a new granddaughter.
Diane Raines was a sent a card to congratulate her on her marriage.
Jean Purcell had an allergic reaction of Aleive (the medication).
Dave Purcell had a heart valve replacement and it went well.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am