

RCHA La Playa Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2017
Meeting held at Rady Children's Hospital

Meeting was **called to order** by Heather Wolff at 10:01am

Chantelle Malarkey shared facts about **childhood cancer**.

Kathee Weisenberg made a motion to **approve the September 2017 meeting minutes**. The motion was seconded by Nancy Peckham. All approved.

Allison Sullivan gave an **inspiration** about mindfulness.

Michelle Riley and Gabby Sanders announced that the **holiday party** will be on December 2nd at 6pm. Cost is \$25. Drinks will be \$1. They passed around a sign up sheet to sign husbands up as bartenders. Please gather any new items you aren't going to use into a themed basket and bring it to the next meeting.

Guest Speaker: Amy Schneider, RN, Founder & Director of SOMBFAB (Some of My Best Friends are Bald). Amy explained the many ways the funds from Celebration of Champions help the Peckham Center and the patients there. She created SOMBFAB which is a peer group for teens and siblings. CoC funds are used for fun activities that are age appropriate. The group has been going for 27 years.

Tammy Miller gave the **Treasurer's Report** and stated that we have 3802.60 in our account. We paid for a Charity Ball ad. We will take a group picture next month.

Julie Connolly reported that **\$404,780.00 was donated to the hospital from Celebration of Champions**. There are still some needs for the event including a Sponsorship Chair and someone to help Marjo with sponsorship materials. The date of the upcoming Celebration of Champions is May 12, 2018.

The **Week of Giving** dates have been changed to December 7-14. This change is due to a desire to coordinate with the hospital foundation. The main task for us is to solicit donations. We will have buckets to fill.

Chantelle Malarkey gave the **Membership** report and thanked everyone who came to make lovies for the hospital. Our next social will be Wednesday, October 25th at Pisco. Happy Hour from 5-7.

Rady Children's Ice Rink opens on November 16th. Come to the opening from 5:30-8:00 for hot chocolate and cookies. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is on November 29th. Please share out the upcoming social media posts.

Gail Hutcheson gave the **Genomics** report and let us know that 20 cases have been solved so far. Spare change will be collected at the meetings to help fund the Genomics Endowment.

Parliamentarian Mary Kay Bates read the changes to the Prospective New Member Guidelines. April Purcell made a motion to approve the new guidelines. Michelle Reilly seconded the motion. All approved.

Julie Connelly thanked Dawn Smith for making the directory this year. There is an electronic version that can be saved to your device.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02

Members were invited to go on a tour of the hospital.