

**RCHA La Playa Unit Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19, 2018**  
**Home of Carol Landis**

Meeting was **called to order** at 9:30am by Lori White.

Alison Sullivan provided **inspiration** about vulnerability and embracing change.

Tracy Wilkinson made a motion to **approve the minutes** from the November 2018 meeting. Lori White seconded the motion. All approved.

Tammy Miller reported that our current bank account balance is **\$3974.04**.

Claudia Virgillio provided a recap of the **Week of Giving**. Our Unit raised over \$2000 and overall the event raised more than \$25,000.

Karen Robertson gave the Education Report on the **Neurogastroenterology and Motility Center** at Rady Children's. Dr. Mousa and Dr. Hassan provided insight into the complex cases involving physical, behavioral and psychological issues associated with brain and GI disorders.

Betty Hamlin, Barbara Mooney and Karen Luce passed away in recent months and were lovingly acknowledged in the **Honoring and Remembering** report by Kathy Brown. Annie Jessop has a new grandchild and that news was celebrated.

Michelle Riley and Gabby Sanders gave the **Ways & Means – In Unit Report** and acknowledged the Landis family for opening their beautiful home for our holiday party. About 80 people attended and the party raised \$500.

Regan Wiese invited all members to attend the **brown bag and toiletries** party for the hospital at Andrea Shillito's house on 3/21/18. Toiletries can be dropped off at Regan Wiese's home at 4515 Alhambra Street.

Mary Kay Bates spoke about the formation of the **nominating committee** for next year's positions. Chris Stehly, Dawn Smith, Tracy Wilkinson and Gaby Sanders volunteered. Members are encouraged to nominate themselves or recommend someone for a specific position. Kathleen Caffo notified that nominations for the RCHA Board are due 2/14. All positions and duties are posted online, along with the "5 Reasons to Join."

The **Ways and Means – Out Unit** discussion began with Julie Connolly introducing the 2018 of Champions Committee Chairs. In order for members to fully understand every area of the event, each chair described her position as well as provided a current update. Liza Pinard reminded chairs that individual meetings will be held in the coming weeks. She also asked to fill open positions. Marilyn Cornwell read several letters from Champions, which provided inspiration for all of our efforts. A request was made to begin the search for a new project manager, as King will be retiring from the event. It would be helpful to have an apprentice this year to learn the ropes.

Jean Federici made a motion to approve \$1011.71 for a **new computer** to be used by Julie Connolly for Celebration of Champions' business. Kathleen Caffo seconded the motion and all approved.

Kristin Gillespie notified the group that **Kathryn Cloward**, who wrote the new Celebration of Champions song, will be performing at the Belly Up on 2/6 with other acts, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Celebration of Champions. All are encouraged to attend.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for **new member applications**. Everyone should be aware of the new format, which requires prospective members to attend one meeting among other changes. 5-6 applications have already been received.

The **ASID Empty House Party** will be held on 1/20. Members are asked to attend and represent La Playa while supporting other Units. Lisa Vieira encouraged members to attend the upcoming **Charity Ball** at the Hotel Del Coronado on 2/10 to benefit the trauma center. Lisa has invitations if interested. Additionally there will be a **La Playa Unit social event** at Old Venice for happy hour on 2/22 at 4:30pm.

The next meeting will be held at **Dawn Smith's** home with the social at 9am and meeting at 9:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30am.