**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**October 13, 2023**

**Zoom**

**Attendees:**

*Board*: Donna Kristaponis, President, Laura Saunders, Vice-President; Nickie Askov, Secretary; Jim Crim, Treasurer; Rick Baugh, Carlos Caguiat, Monica Clement, Barb Horrell, Kim Hickman, Rocky Higgins, Barbara Knight

*Membership Liaisons*: Susan Dillon, Membership Coordinator; Celie Brown (Timber Ridge), Barbara Knight (Horizon House), Mandy Wertz (Mirabella) Laura Saunders (Hearthstone)

President Donna Kristaponis called the meeting to order at 10 AM. The Minutes for the September 8, 2023, meeting were approved by consensus as was the Treasurer’s Report. Jim and Donna moved $20,000 in the Money Market account into a CD.

ACTIONS/VOTES:

• Board officers were elected; they will assume office after the Annual Meeting.

• Board voted to pay $1500 for an annual subscription to Survey Monkey to be used in legislative action.

• **To Do Items are bolded in the text.**

OLD BUSINESS:

• Update on the Annual Meeting: The ballots must be returned by the liaisons by Oct. 16 at noon to Celie Brown or Monica Clement. Email and phone counts are acceptable.

Monica reported that Talus Hall will be set up in round tables with seats that should hold 175 people (last year’s attendance). The stage will be set up for the panel discussion with Laura, Carlos, Barb H., and Kim. Donna and the speaker will also be on the stage. The plan is to offer the meeting on Zoom with recording. **Liaisons should send the list of attendees from each CCRC to Monica.** These attendees will not have to check in at the Timber Ridge front desk, but they will enter at a door to the right of the main entrance. Their names will be checked off. They will exit at the main entrance. (Details will be provided in the upcoming News-Mail.) We are to be alert to legislators who are attending the meeting, especially Rep. Lisa Callan who sponsored the Proviso that awarded $300K for development of legislation.

NEW BUSINESS

• Election of officers prior to the Annual Meeting: The Board voted in favor of the slate of officers consisting of Laura Saunders, President; Kim Hickman, Vice President (who will not succeed into the presidency); Nickie Askov, continuing as Secretary; and Jim Crim, continuing as Treasurer. These elected officers will assume their duties after the Annual Meeting.

• Legislative Committee Update: The Legislative Committee, consisting of Carlos (Chair), Laura, Kim, Donna, and Barb H., meet weekly. (They would also like to involve Marcia Riggers from Covenant Shores who is part of the Presidents Roundtable.) They created a survey to get a global view of residents’ concerns, which will be used to frame the work that will go to DHSH. The survey will be sent to all members of the Presidents Roundtable and to all WACCRA members. Kim reported that the draft survey has 18 items pertaining to the five legislative goals which is too large for Survey Monkey’s free service. She proposed that WACCRA buy an annual subscription for $1500. She envisions that it will be useful for polling WACCRA members about various pieces of the legislative work throughout the year. The Board voted to pay $1500 for an annual subscription to Survey Monkey.

Carlos reported that two staff members from DSHS who are working on the implementation have been receiving our information in addition to the State Ombuds. DSHS is required to involve the Attorney General’s Office and the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. They have been focusing on a failing CCRC; the case is in the AG’s Office. Carlos stressed the important of building support in both the House and Senate for legislative sponsorship.

• Items from Liaisons and Board Members: None reported.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20. The next meeting will be held on Zoom on November 10 at 10:00. The next meeting will focus on the development of the legislative survey.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary