

December 27 2018

Organizational meeting of MD5M Lions Children's Cancer Foundation of Minnesota, Inc.

After a tour of the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, the attendees heard from Dr. Brenda Weigel, Division Director of Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology.

Organizational meeting:

Present: 5M1 Dale Lipke; 5M2 Thomas McCarthy; 5M4 Robert Knutson; 5M5 Jeannine McDonald; 5M6 Linda Morrison; 5M7 Al Kvistero; 5M11 Mike Janssen (by video)

Articles of Incorporation approved, as amended.

Discussion of possible matching grants. PDG Mike indicated we would need to have our governing documents all set and approved by MD5M before we can qualify for LCIF matching funds. Tom reported that he is aware of several foundations which may be willing to match our first-year fundraising efforts. Agreed that Tom should pursue those opportunities.

Suggestion: Write reports for district newsletters on progress. If willing, share report with other directors and they may reproduce or modify for their newsletter.

Jeannine reported on Crescent Cove, an eight-bed hospice for childhood cancer victims located in St Louis Park. See <http://www.crescentcove.org/> This is another possibility for Foundation funding.

March 9 is the next Council of Governors meeting. Goal is to have Articles of Incorporation filed, employee identification number obtained and bylaws adopted by then for approval so that we can apply for IRS 501(c)(3) charity designation. To that end we will meet again February 2, 2019 in St. Cloud (in conjunction with other Lions Foundation meetings).

Discussion on contribution recognition. Three ideas were brainstormed:

1. Beacon of Hope – incorporating Split Rock Lighthouse in award
2. Yellow Ribbon / Butterfly – draft design to be worked on for next meeting
3. Glow Bug / Firefly

No decision was made, but general agreement that we should have a recognition ready for our fundraising kickoff starting July 1, 2019.

Our time at the Hospital having expired, we adjourned the meeting, signing the Articles of Incorporation for Tom to submit to the Minnesota Secretary of State.

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 2, 2020, 10 am to noon, at North Star Masonic Lodge, 518½ W St Germain St, St Cloud, MN (above the old Herberger's store downtown).