**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**September 13, 2024 on Zoom**

**Attendees:**

*Board*: Laura Saunders, President; Kim Hickman, Vice-President; Nickie Askov, Secretary; Barb Horrell, Treasurer, Rick Baugh, Monica Clement, Barbara Knight

*Membership Liaisons*: Susan Dillon (Coordinator), Celie Brown (Timber Ridge), Tom Sakata (Skyline), Mandy Wertz (Mirabella)

*News-Mail Editor*: Kip Smith

**STUDY SESSION**

Kim Hickman and Laura Saunders discussed WACCRA’s response to the DSHS draft report. **Kim has prepared a one-page document that can be shared with members. Laura will send a script of questions to ask our legislative candidates before the election.**

Tom Sakata has agreed to continue as Liaison at Skyline, but he wants to resign from his work in WACCRA membership records. Kip Smith volunteered to take over Tom’s role in working on the membership lists which may become more streamlined as described in the July minutes. Kudos were also given to Kip for his editorship of the WACCRA News-Mail.

Rick Baugh’s term on the board is expiring this fall. Laura asked board members to think about replacements for Rick in addition to filling one open position on the board. Rick, who would like to stay affiliated with the WACCRA board, prefers to not be present when his position is discussed. Marcia Riggers at Covenant Shores has been approached so far with no success.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Laura called the Business Meeting to order at 11:15 following the Study Session. The Minutes for the July 12, 2024 meeting were approved with one minor revision. The Treasurer’s Report, which was distributed by Barb Horrell, was also approved.

ACTIONS/VOTES:

The board voted to move $5,000 from the fund balance to the 2024-25 budget for the Legislative Committee to employ an intern from the Evans School of Public Policy at the UW.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

**Committee Reports:**

Legislative: The committee recently developed a press kit which has been sent to about eight news outlets. Testimonies from residents or families from Emerald Heights, Mirabella, The Kenney, and Timber Ridge are included.

Kim proposed that WACCRA hire a college intern. The Evans School of Public Policy at the UW has a list of their majors who would like to do an internship. The salary range is $22-27/hour with a letter of recommendation offered at the end if the student does a good job. The Legislative Committee needs help with data analysis, contacting legislators, working with our lobbyist, etc. Kim proposes employing an intern for 200 hours until June, estimated to be $5,000. Kim will supervise the student. The board voted to move $5,000 from the fund balance to the 2024-25 budget for the Legislative Committee to employ an intern from the Evans School of Public Policy at the UW.

Laura offered a report of the Presidents Roundtable on September 6 that focused on the financial difficulties at The Kenney. Paul Beck, who is the Resident Council president, talked about the current situation. The Kenney is now in receivership and is no longer registered as a CCRC on the DSHS website.

• Membership: Susan Dillon reminded us that September is the mid-point of the year when residents can join for half-price. She proposed that WACCRA offer a 18-month membership that would begin in September. Although the board seemed positive toward the idea, no vote was taken on implementing that new membership plan. Susan also reported that Jerry Tuttle at Parkshore and Irene Gendron at Horizon House would like to step down from being Liaisons. Barbara Knight will become the Liaison at Horizon House until someone else can be found. Susan reported that the total membership is 1270.

• Communications: Monica Clement reported on how the committee had been proceeding with website revisions. Discussion of the Mission and Goal statement was postponed until the October board meeting. **A final version is needed soon for the subsequent materials.**

• Senior Lobby: Laura made a presentation at Senior Lobby at the end of September because it is important to have their support for our legislative success. Laura, Kim, Rick, and Monica are registering for Senior Lobby Day on October 17 (all day online). Senior Lobby is paying attention to the DSHS draft proposal for a Washington State Multi-Sector Plan on Aging. The four initiatives that require a NO vote were also discussed. Laura reminded us that the board had voted to support Senior Lobby’s effort to preserve long-term care for seniors by voting NO on Initiative 2124 which makes participation optional instead of mandatory.

**Items from WACCRA Liaisons and Board Members**: Kim plans to add questions pertaining to the legislative agenda as part of the vote for officers at the WACCRA Annual Meeting using Survey Monkey.

• The next meeting on October 11 at 10:00 will be on Zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary