

SEELEY LAKE-SWAN VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2009

In Attendance

Trustees: Jeff Aresty, Twyla Johnson, Kathy Maradeo, Mary Ann Morin

Board Clerk: Marty Kux

St. Patrick Hospital representative: Jim Gillhouse

Absent: Marianne Judge

Call to Order

The regular monthly Seeley-Swan Hospital District Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jeff Aresty at 5:03 P.M. at the Seeley Swan Medical Center.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

- 1) Minutes from the December 2, 2008, Board meeting were unanimously approved.
- 2) Board Clerk Marty Kux reported that Assistant Missoula County Attorney Marnie McClain has agreed to work with Hospital District representatives in the event they are called to be fact witnesses in a law suit brought by former clinic doctor Christine Barstad, M.D., against Saint Patrick Hospital, Caron Corporation, Tamarack Management and Western Montana Clinic.
- 3) Aresty reported that he will meet at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, January 12, 2009, at the clinic with Jessica Flint, representing Congressman Dennis Rehberg. He invited other Board members to join him.
- 4) Health Resource Guide: The Board discussed Trustee Kathy Maradeo's mock-up of the Guide. She and Trustee Mary Ann Morin will continue to gather information from local providers and prepare it for final layout. The Board agreed that this first edition will be prepared at no charge to the participating providers.
- 5) Transition from TMI to SPH management: Jim Gillhouse, SPH Practice Manager for the Seeley clinic, reported that the transition has been smooth with the exception of the computer switchover. SPH IT staff is attempting to resolve this problem. He also reported that a human resources representative from SPH will hold a health benefit information meeting for the staff on January 16, 2009, at the clinic. He discussed the current situation regarding the sliding fee scale and described other options for time of service payments. Final resolution of these issues will be presented at the next meeting.
- 6) Aresty re-introduced the draft Management Evaluation document he had distributed to the Board members in October, 2008. After hearing comments from the Board, he will prepare a second draft.

New Business

1) SSHD Financials: Kux presented a financial statement reflecting the November, 2008, income, expenses, and account balance. This was unanimously approved, as were checks to Blackfoot Telephone for the January loan payment, to Caron Corporation for the November tax levy payment, and to Valley Bookkeeping for December services.

2) SPH Report: Gillhouse reported that the expansion of the St. Patrick Hospital Emergency Room is progressing well, with the work already completed making a positive difference. He also discussed the use of robots for certain surgery procedures at St. Pat's.

3) Clinic Financials: Gillhouse presented the November and Year-to-Date, 2008, Statistical Summary and Profit and Loss Statement/Budget Comparison for the Seeley-Swan Medical Center/Caron Corporation entity.

4) Management Report: Gillhouse reported that during the very cold weather of last month the temperature in the waiting room was not adequate. Purchase of an auxiliary heater was discussed.

5) Quality Improvement: Gillhouse reported that the current QI emphasis is on efficiency. Staff is helping to create new and more appropriate processes in several areas of operations.

6) Board Member Election: Kux announced that the Missoula County Elections office has distributed the election documents and requests any interested candidates for Board Trustee to have the nomination paperwork to that office by February 19, 2009. Seats currently held by Trustees Twyla Johnson and Kathy Maradeo are up for election.

7) Chair Report: Aresty reported that repairs to the waiting room paint chips and the exterior stone work are still pending. He also asked the Board members to be thinking in terms of a Board Retreat, possibly to be held in April.

7) Physician Report: None.

Next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5:00 P.M., February 3, 2009, at the Seeley Swan Medical Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

Chair

Date

Clerk

Date