

Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

General Meeting

Date: **August 13, 2016**

Present: Brenda Foucault (President); Madge Casper (Vice President); Libby Ketchem (Treasurer); Ellen Wathen (Recording Secretary); Gayle Rood (Corresponding Secretary)

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Brenda welcomed all alumni and guests to the annual meeting of the 2016 Homecoming.
2. Recognition of Class of 1966 – The 1966 Class is celebrating 50 years this year – one of those graduates (Janet Goode) was present at the meeting today.
3. Moment of Silence – A moment of silence was held for alumni who have passed in the past year.
4. Business Hall of Fame – A You Tube video was played featuring Linda White induction into the Business Hall of Fame, focusing on her start in Nursing through her current position as CEO of Deaconess Health System.
5. Speaker – Linda White provided the address to the alumni – update on DHS: celebrating 125 years; HealthSouth Deaconess expanding by occupying Unit 4100 on the Main Campus; collaboration between Deaconess and multiple health care facilities to address infant mortality; Team Steps for reducing errors; affiliations with Ferrell Hospital and Fairfield Hospital to provide services they do not have; affiliations with ambulance services in IL counties; discussions being held with Methodist Hospital in Henderson, critical access hospitals in Morganfield and Gibson General to determine how Deaconess can help them; providing EPIC support to Good Samaritan Hospital; sole owner of Deaconess VNA (home health and hospice); mobile breast services; Hospice House to open Fall 2016; Hybrid OR (imaging services in the OR) coming in Fall 2017; Main campus lobby scheduled for renovations; and Gateway campus – building parking garage, physician office building, and then orthopedic & neuroscience hospital totally owned by DHS for 2018. Linda then entertained questions from the alumni regarding urgent care on west side needed, what would be done with current ortho and neuro units at Gateway when new hospital tower built in 2018, need for alzheimers to be researched especially with IU Med Center being built, hospitalists becoming more routine for providing care, and triage/call center moved to old Heart Group building on main campus.
6. Recording Secretary Update – Alumni were reminded that the meeting minutes from August 2015 are available on the DHSON link on www.deaconess.com . A demonstration was held on where to find site. Ellen reviewed the main topics from August 2015 – homecoming honoring classes of 1986-1990 (25 years) and 1961-1965 (50 years), Nurses Honor Guard, and Archive picture identification. Ellen also reviewed the main topics from the December 2015 Board meeting – hospice house contributions, scholarships for those entering nursing school and for the Health Science Institute, creating new scholarships for those associated with mission groups, contributions to the Indiana Center for Nursing (ICN) Gala supporting nursing students, and permanent display for main lobby 125 year celebration.

7. Treasurer's Report – We have \$11,106.50 in the checking account. Contributions were made to the Hospice House (\$100,000) and to the ICN (\$5000). The Board proposed to expand the use of funds beyond the descendants by including those with a connection to descendants. There are currently 223 paid alumni members. A reminder about annual dues is placed in the annual newsletter.
8. Communications –
 - a. Board proposed to combine the secretary positions (corresponding and recording) – Bylaws will be revised to reflect change
 - b. Financial education requests continue for descendants of graduates but Board proposed to expand to those with connection to descendants as well
 - c. Alumni contributions of \$100,000 for 2 nurses stations (\$50,000 each) – a plaque will note this contribution
 - d. A display representing DHSON for the month of September 2017 in celebration of the 125th year for Deaconess is being planned

New Business:

9. Nominations –
 - a. President - nominations were held. Gayle Rood was nominated and elected as President.
 - b. Secretary - nominations were held. Ellen Wathen was nominated and re-elected for Secretary.
10. Next meeting in 2017 – the next annual meeting will be Aug 12, 2017, on the Main Campus. Meeting information (date/time/location) will be placed in 2017 newsletter.
11. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned by Brenda