



NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

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The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 19th at Labdara. The meeting was chaired by the Board Chair Judy Kavaliauskas.

1. The Administrator Eric Harela's and Manager Robert Berg's reports provided regular updates concerning the home's operations and finances. The Ministry will be providing a slight increase to resident food allowances to compensate for the increase in cost of raw food. Labdara has submitted a request to our local LHIN for funding for a Nurse Practitioner. We are still waiting for a decision from the LHIN.
2. The meeting focused on organizing the Board to deliver on a host of projects presented by the Chair for consideration by the Board members. As a result of the discussions, the following Board Committees were established: Finance, Quality of Life/Care, Infrastructure, Communications, Fundraising, Scholarships, Board Recognition.
3. The Finance Committee is responsible for strategic planning, budget planning and oversight, long-term financial planning and Estates/Bequests administration. The committee is made up of: Board Directors Ray Smolskis, Tony Businskas, Virginia Peculis, Arunas Morkunas and Board Chair Judy Kavaliauskas.
4. The Quality of Life/Care Committee is responsible for reviewing physical care standards and ethics, government policy implications for Labdara and resident nutrition. Members of the committee are: Board Directors Julia Simonelis, Ruta Valaitis, Victoria Paulionis-Charko and Nijole Simonavicius.
5. The Infrastructure Committee oversees the nursing home facility operations and maintenance, enhancement of living space, resident security and information technology. The priority project this year (led by Board Director Nijole Simonavicius) is the refurbishment of the nursing stations on each floor of the nursing home. Members of the committee are: Board Directors Ray Smolskis, Zibute Janeliunas, Nijole Simonavicius, the Home's Administrator Eric Harela and the Home's Environmental Service's Manager Vladas Sinila.

6. The Communications Committee ensures publication of news from the home on the outdoor pixel board, placement in Teviskes Ziburiai and in parish bulletins, on Labdara's website and Facebook page and development of brochures as required. The committee also publishes the Labdara resident newsletter 4 times per year with the active participation of Activation Department staff and Volunteer Coordinator Nerijus Augutis. The committee is made up of volunteer Gabija Petrauskas and Board Director Zibute Janeliunas.
7. The Fundraising Committee is made up of Rauda Dickinson, Judy Kavaliauskas and Arunas Morkunas. In addition to fundraising events, Arunas oversees the work of our BINGO Team and manages the Canada Helps website donations to Labdara.
8. The Scholarships Committee is chaired by Board Director Zita Bersenas-Cers. Members are: volunteer Ausra Kara and Board Auditors: Ed Stravinskis and Gene Kobelskiene. Scholarships application procedures will be announced to the public in September and it is expected the scholarships will be distributed by Christmas.
9. The Board Recognition Committee will be focused on organizing distribution of Christmas gifts to the residents of Labdara. The members of the committee are: Board Directors Zibute Janeliunas and Rauda Dickinson.
10. The Board Executive Committee is made up of the officers of the Board of Directors: Chair - Judy Kavaliauskas, Vice-Chair - Raymond Smolskis, Secretary - Victoria Paulionis-Charko and Treasurer - Virginia Peciulis.

The next Board of Directors' meeting will take place in July.