



NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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The October 24th Labdara Foundation Board of Directors meeting took place at the nursing home and was chaired by Board Chair - Gabija Petrauskas.

1. **ADMINISTRATOR ERIC HARELA's REPORT:** Eric indicated that the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care inspectors are at Labdara for their regular annual inspection and will be working at the Home for two weeks. Resident Satisfaction Survey results are in and show general satisfaction with type and frequencies of activities for residents, food selections and service, level of care received from staff in the Home (full survey results follow). Resident rooms will be connected to the emergency power generator by the end of December. Quotes from vendors for a video camera security system are coming in. Areas we want the camera system to address are: 1) resident safety; 2) security of property and belongings; and 3) staff safety inside and outside of the home.
2. **OVERSIGHT MANAGER ACC President ROBERT BERG's REPORT:** Bed occupancy rate at Labdara is at 99.45%. Ministry allocation for resident raw food has been raised to \$9 per resident per day as a result of public pressure. We accessed \$52K from our Capital Reserve to cover the costs of: 1) resident dining room serveries renovations; 2) resurfacing of resident shower stalls throughout the home; 3) installing water softening systems for the new dishwashers in the renovated serveries; and, 4) an engineering study of capital needs of the Home over time.
3. **REPORT-BACK FROM SEPT. BOARD MEETING RE FALLS PREVENTION:** Robert Berg reported that our Director of Care Beata Malizia has a process in place to review and analyze falls in the Home. They look for trends e.g. is it one or two residents who are prone to falls? At what time of day or night do falls happen most often? What devices would assist in prevention of falls: fall mats, lowering bed closer to the floor, installing bed alarms...? We are tracking a trial currently underway in a Long-Term care home in Ottawa that is using personal cell phones to monitor incidents of falls and automatically notifying staff with phones paired to the resident's phone. Technology currently under development

is promising.

4. **BOARD'S FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Treasurer Virginia Peciulis and Book-keeper Arunas Morkunas provided updates. The 15th Anniversary Fundraising Drive for resident dining room furniture, launched in Spring of this year, is a success. The goal was to raise \$75,000 and we are now at \$74,281 or 99.45% of our target thanks to donations made at Labdara's Oct. 14th **EVENING OF THANKS.**
5. **BINGO:** Arunas reported that Labdara's BINGO license is up for renewal. He is preparing the forms required and will be negotiating with the Gaming Corporation re criteria for allowable expenditures when using the BINGO funds. Applications must be renewed every 6 months. .
6. **Oct.14th EVENING OF THANKSGIVING** event at the Resurrection Parish Hall was a success. Sincere thanks to the Organizing Committee spearheaded by Board Director Rauda Dickinson and chef/caterer Genute Kobelskiene was expressed by all with tokens of gratitude in the form of bouquets of roses. Rauda indicated that the Napoleon contest successfully engaged the community and created interest and this helped boost attendance. Keeping the costs low helped minimize the evening's deficit. Special thanks to Genute for expertly managing the dinner costs and serving up a delicious meal. Acknowledging founders, donors, volunteers and staff continuously working in the Home since it opened its doors in 2002 raised awareness of how many people have contributed to Labdara's success over the past 15 years.
7. **CHRISTMAS AT LABDARA:** we will begin preparations to obtain the Christmas gifts from the Board to 90 residents and 120 staff and the 20-25 special people who've helped.
8. **ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Virginia reported on the status of the website enhancements project. The Board suggested a target launch date of January 1, 2018. Quality care Committee will report in November. Ray S. Chair of the Infrastructure Committee presented a preliminary list of projects, developed by the Committee in conjunction with the Home's administration, that need to be discussed and prioritized at the No-

vember meeting as we launch into developing the Operational Plan for 2018.

9. **NEXT MEETING** will take place November 21st