

DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation  
Minutes December 16, 2021

Present: Judy Royer, Carol Evans, Lorrie Wildenradt, Mary Pritchard, Bob Higdon, Toni Krull

Also present: Denise Berkshire, Maggie Niemi

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

Minutes: Carol Evans moved to accept the 10/21/21 minutes. Lorrie Wildenradt seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report: As of 12/14/21 the balances were: Resource Bank investment fund \$568,536.07; DCCF Endowment Fund \$158,966.20; Resource Bank checking account \$8,103.10. Year to date disbursements were \$46,276. Toni Krull moved to accept the report as presented. Mary Pritchard seconded. The motion carried.

Old business: Solicitation mailing has been reduced from 1,200 to 160 letters. The letters were sent to last 3-year donors and to individuals who donated via Give DeKalb.

New business:

The proposed slate of officers for 2022:

President – Judy Royer

Vice President – Carol Evans

Treasurer – Robert Higdon

Secretary – Toni (Maria) Krull

Mary Pritchard moved nominations to be closed. Bob Higdon seconded. Chuck Walters and Steve Lux sent their electronic approval for the proposed slate of officers. The proposed slate of officers was unanimously approved.

According to DeKalb County Board Chairman John Frieders and County Administrator Brian Gregory the current nursing home management team will leave at the end of the month. Apparently, the nursing home has been in financial difficulties for few years, but the Operating Board has not been fully aware of it until August 2021. Occupancy rate decline, reimbursement/billing procedures and Covid are some of the reasons for the current situation. No decision has been made on the future of the facility. Two possibilities are: selling it to a non-profit or profit nursing organization or have the County Board take it over. In the meantime, an interim group will take care of the business aspect of it.

Lorrie Wildenradt moved to have Steve Lux write a letter to the County Board in support of keeping the nursing home in local hands. Carol Evans seconded. The motion carried.

Next meeting will be held March 17, 2022.

Toni Krull moved to adjourn. Judy Royer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni (Maria) Krull  
Secretary