

Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Board of Trustees Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, in Conference Room A. The meeting began at 4:04 PM.

- **Members Present**
Brian Q. Corridan, Acting Chairman; Christopher R. Dupont; Cindy T. Lacoste; and Cesar A. Lopez
- **Also Present**
Bennett W. Walsh, Superintendent; John K. Crotty, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. David Clinton, Medical Director; Alice Pizzi, Counsel II; Jessica W. Powers, HR Liaison; and Lori Beswick, Recording Secretary
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment**
Brian Q. Corridan asked if any member of the public wished to address the Trustees. No public comment was offered. Bennett W. Walsh will inform employees and Veterans that they are able to provide public comment at Trustees Meetings.
- **Regular Minutes**
Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Cindy T. Lacoste, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.
- **Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meetings**
Dr. Clinton presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2018. In addition, he sought approval to reappoint Dr. Robert Byrne, Oncologist and Internist, Dr. Emad Eskander, Psychiatrist (NEG), and Donna Whyte, CNP (NEG), to a two (2) year term to the Medical Staff. Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to reappoint Dr. Byrne, Dr. Eskander and Donna Whyte, CNP, to a two (2) year term to the Medical Staff. In conclusion, each Trustee received a copy of the "Preventing Falls for HSH Falls – Contributing Factors That Led to Falls" and posed questions. Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting.

- **Superintendent's Report**

Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report via a PowerPoint Presentation and copies were distributed to each Trustee. Bennett mentioned that some employees inquired if the Trustees would pay for the St. Patrick's Day Road Race registration fee and shirt. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Cindy T. Lacoste, it was unanimously VOTED to sponsor the employees who want to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Road Race on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Christopher R. Dupont, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.

- **Old Business**

- Bennett W. Walsh indicated that the status of the partitions is still ongoing.
- Bennett W. Walsh mentioned there is \$7,000.00 earmarked for the employee stand-up desks and we will be reviewing mid-grade over bed tables for our Veterans. Quotes will be obtained and assessed by the Value Analysis Committee.
- Brian Q. Corridan discussed, in detail, the Trustees Fund with Morgan Stanley and that the asset allocation was adjusted to 60/40 fixed income and equities. Brian also felt that Morgan Stanley should have been more proactive and contacted the Trustees with recommendations.
- Brian Q. Corridan encouraged all directors to attend future NASVH Conferences.

- **New Business**

There is no new business to report.

- **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennett W. Walsh
Secretary for the Board of Trustees