



Hillcrest Committee Meeting April 7, 2025

Past President, Patti Diehl, sitting in for Rebekah McAnally, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. There were 25 members present. Patti thanked Marci for opening her home and the lunch crew for the meal they prepared.

Old Business

Meeting Minutes

Megan Rea moved to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes. Monica Patridge seconded. The meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Patti Diehl, sitting in for Treasurer Carrie Robertson, reported on the Statement of Activity since the March meeting. The deposit was paid to RVCC for the 2025 Ball. Party chairs- please be sure to fill in the party reimbursement form completely, listing all buyouts.

Hospitality/Yellow Rose Report

A yellow rose was delivered to Stephanie Coppedge in honor of her father.

Correspondence Report

Megan Rea read two thank-you letters; one from Lara and Chris David for the Mix & Flamingle party, and one from Brenda and Leslie for the Endless Love party.

Database Report

Karen Porschet-Miller sent out an updated list of members that shows color-coded distinctions for those who have resigned and those who will be going Excalibur after June.

Website Update

Cathy Winans reported that the new website is almost finished, and it looks great! She will be meeting with a few members to determine which documents should be uploaded to the new site.

Party Reports

Cristie and Staci reported on the Mix & Flamingle party, and Christin and Holly reported on the Endless Love party. They were both fun and beautifully executed.

Skye provided an update on the Old Town Saloon Murder Mystery party, which will be held on April 18th at the Hillcrest House. This is a 'committee cooks' party.

Patti provided an update on the Carnival de Amor, which will take place at the beautiful Rusted Gate Farm on May 3rd. The first half will be cooking.

New Business

Randee Leever and Crissie Olson shared a very moving message about a young boy in our community named William, who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. William is a close friend of their boys. They introduced us to a fundraiser they have helped organize called “We Row for William.” Crissie, Randee’s husband, and six others will row the entire length of the Rogue River nonstop (157 miles) to raise funds for his first treatment with CRISPR technology, which will cost \$800,000. This treatment is groundbreaking and has the potential to cure William. Randee will send an email with more information about the fundraiser, hoping that we will donate, and also share it with others to spread the word.

A slate of eight new members was proposed and voted on by ballot. All eight were voted in. Their sponsors will connect with them to invite them to join. If all eight accept, our 2025-26 membership will be at 50. Per our bylaws, we can have between 45-53.

The slate of Executive Board members for 2025-26 was presented. A verbal vote was taken, and the Executive Board stands as follows. President Lara David, President Elect Crissie Olson, Recording Secretary Megan Rea, and Correspondence Secretary Staci Drewien. The treasurer and treasurer-elect positions will be presented and voted on at the May meeting.

The 2025 Ball Chairs were announced. They are Monica Patridge and Diane Patten!

Paige Olson presented a Focus Committee update. She read descriptions of the three OHSU studies that our 2023 Ball proceeds will fund. A discussion was had regarding how much of our funds stay local and whether we could fund studies outside of OHSU.

The next meeting will be a lunch meeting on May 5th at Diane Patten’s home.

Patti Diehl adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristie Fairbanks
Recording Secretary