

MEETING OF THE COUNTRYSIDE HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Julie Nelson. Board of Trustees members present were Mr. George Jaeckel, Mr. Richard Meier and Mrs. Barbara van Lieshout.

Mrs. Earlene Ronk, Administrator, Mr. Gary Petre, County Administrator were also present.

Mr. Mark Zastrow, Chair of the Citizens for Countryside Home Committee and Delisa Buckingham-Taylor, a member of that group were also present.

Mrs. Nelson stated that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Meeting Law and the Trustees have approved the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Zastrow, chair of the Citizens for Countryside Home group, spoke to the Trustees. He indicated he was very pleased with the outcome of the April 7, 2009 referendum and indicated the reason for the close vote was the wording of the referendum.

He also mentioned that he is concerned and disturbed about the lack of public interest that the Board of Trustees have shown toward the referendum and the future of Countryside Home.

All of the Trustees responded to this: Mr. Meier has always been in favor of Countryside and it is something we have to use. Mrs. van Lieshout also has talked in person with many people and Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Jaeckel held a public listening session and only 8 people showed up for this.

Mr. Zastrow again stated that as the Board of Trustees, nothing has been made public that you are working towards the continuation of the facility and on behalf of his group, asked that the Trustees do something to echo their individual comments towards Countryside Home being owned and operated by Jefferson County.

Mrs. Nelson stated that this request will be added to the next agenda.

Mrs. van Lieshout moved that the minutes of the March 19, 2009 Board of Trustee meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Jaeckel and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Trustees received copies of the many letters to the editor from the public regarding Countryside Home.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF NURSING – No report available.

REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

a. No HR issues pending at this time.

b. A spreadsheet prepared by Dave Ehlinger showed a breakdown of how the county population voted in the April 7 referendum. Mr. Petre mentioned that he and Mrs. Schmeling met to review the statistics. This will also be discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting next week. There is a minimum of 45 days notice to hold a special election and he would like to see this happen in June as opposed to September.

c. One of the things we can look at is expanding Medicare to allow us to have short term agreements with residents from out of county.

John Keefe will be at the May 8, 2009 Trustee meeting to present his report.

An article in the April issue of the Wisconsin Counties magazine was given to the Trustees for their information.

The Wisconsin Association of County Homes (WACH) will be holding a “lobby day” on April 22. Mrs. Ronk, Mrs. Johann and 2 members of the union will be attending this.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR PERSON: No report.

Mr. Meier moved that the following vouchers be audited:

March 9, 2008	188 - 194	\$16,059.02
March 16, 2009	195 - 199	\$14,055.36
March 24, 2009	200 - 205	\$16,739.31
March 30, 2009	206 - 211	\$37,379.31

Seconded by Mrs. van Lieshout and approved.

Mr. Meier moved that the meeting be adjourned and the next Board of Trustee Meeting be held on May 8, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at Countryside Home. Seconded by Mr. Jaeckel and approved.

Cathy Rueth
Administrative Secretary