

MEETING OF THE COUNTRYSIDE HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 21, 2009

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

Mrs. Earlene Ronk, Administrator, and 2 Countryside Union Representatives were also present at this meeting.

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

Mr. Buchanan moved that the minutes of the July 10, 2009 Board of Trustee Meeting be approved, subject to future corrections. Seconded by Mrs. van Lieshout and approved.

Correspondence – copies of letters to the editor were given to the Trustees for their information.

Director of Nursing Report – None this month.

Administrator's Report: There are no HR issues pending at this time.

B. Mrs. Ronk discussed the bed tax and how it affects Countryside Home as well as current private pay rates. The tax has increased from \$75 per bed to \$150 per bed per month. After discussion Mr. Buchanan moved that the private pay rate be increased to \$295.00 per day, effective October 1, 2009 and that a 30 day notice of this increase be sent to all residents. Seconded by Mr. Jaeckel and approved.

c. Out-of-County Short Term Medicare Rehab residents has been discussed at previous Trustee meetings. Mrs. Ronk and Consultant John Keefe both recommend that we increase our Medicare Short Term Rehab patients by including people from counties that border Jefferson County. After further discussion and various questions answered, Mrs. van Lieshout moved that Countryside Administration exercise, with discretion, acceptance of out-of-county placements for Medicare Short Term Rehab care. Seconded by Mr. Buchanan and approved.

Citizens for Countryside will be doing "walking tours" of the county to encourage people to vote yes for the September 15 referendum. The residents of Countryside are also holding a brat/hot dog sale in Fort Atkinson on August 29 to help support Countryside.

Report from Chairperson: Mrs. Nelson mentioned that the Fort Atkinson districts will be holding 2 more listening sessions before the September 15 referendum. Mrs. Nelson indicated her willingness to send a letter to the editor on behalf of the Trustees, however she will check with corporation counsel first.

Mrs. van Lieshout moved that the following vouchers be audited and approved for payment:

July 7, 2009	520 – 525	\$16,752.04
July 13, 2009	526 – 528	\$10,281.82
July 20, 2009	529 – 537	\$18,729.70

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July 27, 2009	538 – 543	\$23,074.99
July 2009 A	544 – 598	\$43,385.09
July 2009 B	599 – 612	\$59,029.50
August 3, 2009	613 – 616	\$22,114.20
August 10, 2009	617 – 621	\$28,247.84
August 18, 2009	622 – 627	\$13,907.78

Seconded by Mr. Jaeckel and approved.

Mr. Buchanan moved that the meeting be adjourned and the next Board of Trustee meeting be held September 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the community room at Countryside Home. Seconded by Mr. Jaeckel and approved.

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Administrative Secretary