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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2016, Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Jolene Krol

Dr. Peter Conry passed away on February 7. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

Dr. Jeff Baxter will present a Lecture on Opioid Management to BDDS on **Wednesday**, March 16, 2016. He is a Harvard Faculty member and the Clinical Director of Spectrum Health Services, which includes the Pittsfield Clinic.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

Dr. Jay Wise took time to Thank all members who attended this years Yankee Dental Conference. This annual event is the largest source of income for the Massachusetts Dental Society. This plays a large role in the successful leadership position that MDS enjoys in Region One (New England).

The ADHP (Advanced Dental Hygienist Practitioner) bill is still in committee. There is an impression that this bill could pass due to the large financial backing present.

Current enrollment of all Massachusetts Dentists in the MassHealth program stands at 40%. Although MDS would like to see this percentage increase, some legislators have been erroneously informed that Dentists' participation is at 21%.

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Alan Gold represents BDDS as the Nominations Committee Chair. The 2016/2017 Nominations Ballot will be emailed to the membership. Please review this list of

nominations. A vote will be taken at the Wednesday, March 16, 2016 meeting. If there are any concerns, please contact Dr. Gold at agoldds@gmail.com .

BDDS Representative's to MDS Council's Report:

Dr. Ed Helitzer represents BDDS by serving on the Council of Dental Benefits. At the most recent Council meeting, there was conversation concerning a study put forward by the PEW Charitable Fund. This study states that a midlevel Dental care provider would benefit the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but does not give much information as to the source of this recommendation. Dr. Helitzer has made a point of trying to discover the rationale of the study.

Currently the State of Maine has passed legislation allowing a Mid Level Care Dental Provider but has no teaching program to train anyone interested.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Jim Whitman stood up to Thank BDDS for its recent donation to the VIM Dental Clinic in Great Barrington. Last year, the entire Facility saw over 11,000 patients. This includes 47 who came in with acute Dental pain and over 80 hygiene recall visits. Both medical and dental clinics are expanding in size during a new expansion phase.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 2/6/2016:

Checking:	\$ 7,108.44
Money Market:	\$ <u>4,237.54</u> 0.05% APY
Available for use:	\$ 11,345.98
CD 36 month	\$ 8,165.12 0.80% APY, matures 7-10-16
CD 36 Month	\$17,211.68 0.80% APY, matures 7-14-17
CD 48 Month	\$12,186.81 1.00% APY, matures 7-14-18
CD 37 Month	\$ 5,005.41 1.85% APY, matures 2-10-19
Total CDs:	\$42,569.02
Total funds:	\$53,915.00

As a condition of the new CD rate, \$5000 must be maintained in checking, or the rate drops by 0.2% points. Proceeds from the matured 30-month CD were placed in Checking and Money Market accounts as well as the new CD.

A \$2000 donation was made to VIM Berkshires, and we have received a note of thanks.

Fall 2015 All-Day:

Income:	Tuition	11,945.00
	Vendor	500.00* (Not all vendors have paid!)
Expenses:	Williams	5232.60
	Speaker	3648.00
	Printing	723.56
	Mailing	412.44
	Stipend, Barb	100.00
Total Expenses		10,116.60
Net		2,328.40*(see vendor note)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: The BDDS is beginning to get hurt financially at certain restaurants due to dentists' failure to RSVP or to show up. If you plan to come, please inform the person running the dinner. If you do so, please come to the meeting! We sometimes must pay based on RSVPs. Please plan ahead and stick to your plan.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Charlie Nemser hosted tonight's meeting.

Dr. Sarah Martinelli gave a talk on CBCT usage in Endodontics.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Erich Schmidt will host our next Meeting on **Wednesday**, March 16, 2016.

Dr. Jeffrey Baxter will speak on Opioid Management.

*Minutes of Monthly Meeting submitted by District Secretary – Dr. Paul Gamache
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