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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
March 4, 2013 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Michael Williams

Dr. Williams welcomed all the members in attendance to this evenings meeting.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

Dr. Wise presented a \$40,000.00 check to the Hillcrest Educational Center Dental Clinic on behalf of the MDS Foundation. The Foundation seeks to enhance the Oral Health of individuals by providing grants for sustainable programs that improve access to Dental Care for underserved populations in Massachusetts. A total of \$111,000.00 in three years has been given to deserving organizations across Massachusetts. Accepting the Grant on behalf of Hillcrest was Jessica Denué, Grant Coordinator; Tim Gallagher, Director of Business Management; Tricia Hunt, Operations Director of the Dental Clinic.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 3-3-2013:

Checking:	\$ 3,197.51
Money Market:	<u>\$36,020.16</u> 0.25% APY
Available for use:	\$39,217.67
CD 37 Month:	<u>\$ 7,427.82</u> 2.20% APY, matures 7-9-13
CD 37 Month	\$10,834.36 1.50% APY, matures 7-9-14
Total CDs:	\$18,262.18
Total funds:	\$57,479.85

Recent dues receipts: 2/22/13: \$61.67. This is the first payment for those on the new 12-month installment plan. 20 members are using this plan (16-full active, 1-second year, 3-active life).

From this point on, we would like everyone to make their dinner checks out to BDDS rather than the restaurant. This will simplify our dealings with our friends who host our meetings.

A reminder: Any member of an MDS Council, Committee or Task Force who travels to attend a meeting thereof and submits a report to the District at a BDDS meeting or via the minutes will be given a \$50 stipend by the BDDS each time upon request. The Trustee will receive annual reimbursement for dues in lieu of travel expenses.

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky serves BDDS as the Chair of the Continuing Education Committee. He would like to invite any member who has an idea for a speaker to address BDDS for a Monday Night meeting to bring it to his attention or attend the CE Committee meeting to be held in May at his house. This can be a colleague in dentistry or in the medical field with a pertinent topic. Also, anyone with contacts from our four closest Dental Schools (UConn, Tufts, BU & Harvard) who would like to get some experience speaking in front of a friendly group, contact Dr. Louis Yarmosky at lyarmosky@gmail.com. BDDS would be able to award an Honorarium to offset travel expenses.

Dr. Louis Yarmosky wished to Thank the members of the Continuing Education Committee for another successful year. Our next ALL DAY Meeting is scheduled for FRIDAY, May 17, 2013. Dr. Neil Gottehrer will speak on the "Future of Dentistry". Dr. Gotterher was recently on the cover of Dentistry Today and looks to be an interesting lecturer.

Items from the Floor:

Tim Gallagher, Director of Business Management for Hillcrest Dental Clinic took a few moments to Thank the Berkshire District Dental Society as well as the MDS Foundation for the Grant Award. He stated that Hillcrest currently serves 9800 patients of which 80% are on a state sponsored insurance program. The Clinic also sets aside special days in which they treat only homeless veterans and special needs individuals. Mr. Gallagher also stated that North Adams has been identified as an area that currently has 4500 people who need access to dental care. Hillcrest Dental Clinic is seeking to establish another clinic in North Adams to serve this dental care need.

Dr. Tom Sakshaug made a motion to donate \$100 to the Charity of Choice when a member Dentist passes and a \$50 donation to honor the passing of other significant dental family members. The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed upon by the members in attendance.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Peter Sheffer hosted tonight's meeting. Drs. Cestone, Schmidt & Shapiro gave a roundtable discussion on Cone Beam Computed Tomography.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Paul Gamache will host our next Monday Night Meeting on April 8, 2013. Dr. Carlo Ercoli will speak on "Dental Implants for the Partially & Completely Edentulous Patient: Fixed and Removable Options".

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