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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
September 19, 2016 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Jolene Krol

Dr. Jolene Krol welcomed all in attendance to this evenings meeting.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise



Dr. Jay Wise stated that Dr. Tom Sakshaug was awarded the 2016 William McKenna Volunteer Award. More information can be obtained in the Summer edition of this years' MDS Journal.

The Midlevel Provider Bill has been tabled until the New Year. It would be helpful to rewrite the bill. Dr. Michael Wasserman has been involved with an MDS task force this summer after the House of Delegates was convened. A local ad hoc meeting with our local Representative is not needed at this time.

Electronic Health Records are currently mandated by 2017. Software will be needed to collaborate with Massachusetts's databases once a standard format has been established. Further information will be disseminated by MDS to the membership when it is available.

April 5, 2017 (Wednesday) is the next Beacon Hill Day. The Berkshire District could use a larger presence at this function. If any BDDS member could block out the date and make an appearance, it would be greatly appreciated.

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky represents BDDS as the Chair of the Continuing Education Committee and made the following announcements;

Dr. John Svirsky will be the speaker at the October 14 All Day Meeting at The Williams Inn. Dr. Svirsky will make a presentation on Oral Pathology.

Dr. Howard Crossley will be the speaker at the May 10 All Day Meeting. Dr. Crossley will make a presentation on Street Drugs.

Dr. Yarmosky stated that the CE Committee would provide the mandated Infection Control lecture to the membership on a two-year cycle. Dental Assistants requiring a yearly course can obtain certificates from online courses (www.dentalcare.com). Another source for mandated Infection Control Lectures is the Yankee Dental Convention. Dr. John Molinary, PhD from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry is an excellent speaker on this topic and will be at the upcoming Yankee.

BDDS Representative's to MDS Council's Report:

Dr. Charlie Nemser mentioned that MDS is aware of the letters to the Berkshire Eagle editor concerning the current hygienist mid level dental provider bill and was pleased in our grassroots efforts.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Lisa Gamache introduced Dr. Neha Das as her new Pedodontic Associate. Dr. Das received her Dental Degree and Pedodontic Certificate at the University of California at San Francisco School of Dentistry.

Dr. Natalia Yarmosky introduced Dr. Xin Zeng as her new General Dentist Associate. Dr. Zeng went to school at Williams College and then received her Dental Degree at Tufts University.

Dr. Charlie Nemser introduced the new BMC Dental Residents; Dr. Alaa Abu Sabaa from Sudan, Dr. Sara Ibrahim from Giana, and Dr. Elira Tyra from Poland.

Dr. Pat Carsell stated that he knows of an experienced Dental Assistant looking for a position in a Dental Office. Any member interested in more information can contact Dr. Carsell at pcarsell@hotmail.com.

Dr. Casey Jones would like members to know that a new registered hygienist has moved into the area from Pennsylvania and would like to work in the Berkshires. Any member interested in more information can contact Dr. Jones at casey_jones321@hotmail.com.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 9/19/2016:

Checking:	\$ 8,074.88
Money Market:	\$ 6,432.50 0.05% APY
Available for use:	\$ 14,507.38

CD 36 month	\$10,006.61	1.144% APY, matures 8-10-19
CD 36 Month	\$17,280.01	0.80% APY, matures 7-14-17
CD 48 Month	\$12,247.24	1.00% APY, matures 7-14-18
CD 37 Month	\$ 5,051.23	1.85% APY, matures 2-10-19
Total CDs:	\$44,614.92	
Total funds:	\$59,122.30	

Spring 2016 All Day Meeting:

Tuition:	12,050.00
Vendors:	1,000.00
Total income:	13,050.00

Crowne Plaza:	6,075.94
Speaker:	2,000.00
Printing:	1,076.05
Mailing:	401.28
Staff:	100.00
Total Expenses:	9,653.27

Net Income: 3,396.73 Thank-you Louis, Barb, and all who helped!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: The BDDS is 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.
Debra Udey gave a talk on Risk Management.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Elena Nazarova and Dr. Jolene Krol will host our next Monday Night Meeting on November 14, 2016.
Dr. Peter Barndt will speak on Digital Dentistry.

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