

FRIENDS OF ST MONICA'S HOSPITAL, EASINGWOLD

41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 10 June 2010

The Vice Chairman, Nick Eleanor, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and gave the Chairman's apologies for his absence.

1. Apologies

Barry Sanderson, Barbara Twigg, Barbara Walker, Vera MacMahon, Sheila Burkill, Lucy Whitehouse, Kate Atkinson, Audrey Willis, Marie Lacy

2. Minutes of the last AGM on 11 June 2009 were signed and dated.

Prop by: Joan Ramsay, 2nd by Diana Burge

3. Report of Executive Committee

Nick Eleanor read the following report from Barry Sanderson:

'St Monica's continues to be a most valuable asset to the local community and flourishes due to the hard work and support of many people. The dedicated nursing staff and the voluntary helpers provide a very happy and efficient service complimented upon by everyone.

The Friends of St Monica's and my committee together with the most generous donations received from many people and organisations have ensured that we have continued to provide some specialist medical equipment, furniture and office equipment for both the hospital and physio department. Most exciting is the news that shortly work will start on improving the front entrance and building a palliative care suite for patients and relatives. Seeking planning permission and dealing with building regulations have taken up quite a lot of Committee time and I am very grateful to Peter Glossop who has volunteered to be the liaison officer with the NHS/PCT and building contractors. Work is expected to start late June and finish before the end of the year. There will, at times, be some temporary arrangements needed for parking as well as access for patients and visitors.

Several social events occurred during last year including the Garden Party, a Coffee Morning for volunteers and collectors (at which the Chairman expressed his sincere thanks for the work of the volunteers and collectors and briefly explained the building plans for the front entrance and palliative care suite). A well attended Christmas Coffee Morning was also held. All were a great success due in no small way to the sub committees which planned them and in particular the organisation by Sheila Burkill who recently has become unwell. I am sure you join with me in wishing her a successful and speedy recovery.

I feel sure the committee would wish to offer warmest thanks to Caroline Hepworth who is retiring as Secretary and before that was coordinator of the brown envelope village collections. Also to Eric Boyd who took over this coordination role but has now resigned. Thank you both for your support to the Friends. I am pleased to report that we have a new Secretary – Nick Eleanor who in recent times has done sterling work in revising and getting approved The Friends Charter.

Finally many thanks for your attendance, support and interest in all that takes place at St Monica's. A Finance Report and a little detail of the work of the hospital and physio departments will follow'.

4. Treasurer's Report

Christine Andrew (Treasurer) reported that after the recommendation and approval last year to appoint Minfords to review our accounts for 2009, we received a letter of resignation from them during September 2009. Following a review of charges made by local firms, it was recommended to the Trustees that we ask Gardiners of Sheriff Hutton to carry out an independent examination

which they have done. The fee for this work will be £675 plus VAT, which although higher than previously charged, is still a competitive price. We are required to ensure that the accounts are fully reviewed to comply with the Charities Act.

Christine presented the Trustees report and Accounts and made the following comments:

Donations – donations this year are rather lower than during 2008. The Membership Subscriptions are reduced as we received a large individual donation during 2008. Legacies and personal donation were also reduced from 2008

Fund raising – there were 2 events held during the year: Garden Party was on a fine but overcast day in June and the Christmas Coffee morning on rather a wet day. However the total raised was very similar to 2008.

Investment income – as with all investments, the interest earned during 2009 has greatly reduced from 2008 but the funds are secure

Fundraising and administration expenses – these expenses are kept to a minimum and are reduced from 2008

Donations have been used to fund various projects at St Monica's.

- £1061 was used on physiotherapy equipment
- £2078 was used for ward improvements including new curtaining and a couch
- £7195 was used for the hospital grounds with the intention to continue to produce a maintenance area for the enjoyment of patients. A bicycle shed was installed (£2248) and the front fence replaced (£1425 – matched cost with PCT). Balance of £3522 being gardening = about £300 pm – including revarnishing the garden furniture and installing outside taps

A copy of the accounts plus the report will be submitted to the Charities Commission and will then become a public document.

Adoption of accounts: Prop by LizAnne Cumberlege; 2nd by Maureen Davies

5. Appointment of Auditor

Gardiners Chartered Accountants of Sheriff Hutton.
Prop by Joan Ramsay; 2nd by LizAnne Cumberlege

6. Membership Report

Christine Andrew reported that the amount collected so far was £6400 but because the collection was late this year there will be further amounts to be returned. There are currently 33 collectors and volunteers helping in Easingwold and the surrounding villages. The plan is to review Easingwold to ensure that all areas are covered and to also review the timing of the collection so that it does not clash with other charities. We have received offers of help from new collectors.

The post code, house name and donor's name were required for completing the Gift Aid.

8. Hospital Report

Sue Bryan (Modern Matron – Clinical Lead) was not able to give a full hospital report. However, Sue expressed the hospital's thanks to the Friends for all donations, hard work and support and to the group of volunteers that help make St Monica's Hospital the place it is.

The hospital was not at full capacity at present. Average stay is about 20 days. Most patients are from the Easingwold area.

The hospital had had an inspection from the Patients & Environment Services which had proved very satisfactory and was one of the few hospitals to obtain the top 'green' rating.

9. Physiotherapy Report

A message was read from the Physiotherapy Department thanking the Friends for all their help and support over the past year.

10. Any Other Business

There was none

11. Election of Executive Committee

The following were elected:

Barry Sanderson (Chairman))	
Peter Glossop (Vice Chairman on interim basis))	Prop by: Joan Ramsay
Christine Andrew (Treasurer))	2 nd by: LizAnne Cumberlege
Nick Eleanor (Secretary))	

The remaining Committee members were block voted: LizAnne Cumberlege, Barbara Twigg, Diana Burge, Joan Ramsay, Eric Toolan, Sheila Burkill, Sharon Metcalfe, Vera McMahon, Barbara Walker

The next Annual General Meeting would be held on Thursday 9 June 2011

The Vice Chairman closed the Meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance.