

**The Nathaniel Witherell SNF  
Town of Greenwich CT  
Family Council General Meeting**

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2009

Location: TNW Chapel

Call to order:

Irene Theriot, Interim Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and introduced members of the Family Council Board.

Mission of FC & Nominating Committee:

Carol Lindstrum, Secretary, read the Mission statement for the FC and noted the progressive levels of involvement in FC including attending general meetings, working on committees and serving on the FC Board. She asked that volunteers for committees and board nominations to be submitted to Ruth Ann Honcz, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, who may be contacted at 203.348.5456. A new FC Board will be voted on in the July general meeting. Board members serve a one-year term.

Management Changes/Announcements:

Lynn Bausch, Interim Executive Director, thanked Irene Theriot for serving on the FC for a number of years. As part of National Volunteer Week, TNW has tracked over 11,000 hours of volunteer service.

Lynn said a regional search is being conducted for a new Executive Director and interviews should take place in about 3-4 weeks. Lynn also introduced David Ormsby, Chairman of the Board of Directors of TNW and Chris Thurlow, Vice Chair of the Board of TNW.

The second floor of TNW has lost a key member of the nursing staff, Judy Holland, Head Nurse. Judy's position has been filled by Sonny Reyes who had been assigned to the short-term rehab floor. Other staff changes were announced as well.

Lynn announced the Mother's Day Tea to be held May 9<sup>th</sup> and the annual picnic on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Guest Speakers:

Christine Zuccarelli, Clinical Nutrition Manager, shared a slide presentation on healthy eating with an emphasis on the Mediterranean diet. She distributed copies of the information and worked with the culinary staff to serve healthy snacks to the audience.

Gloria Meyerling asked for support for the May 20<sup>th</sup> House/Garden Tour Fund Raiser to raise money for the new TNW Design Garden. Tickets are \$75.00. The event will begin at the Women's Club, tour 4 different sites and include lunch. Chris Thurlow suggested that tickets make an excellent Mother's Day gift.

Lucy Nevin, our "musical volunteer", is working on an audio program to showcase TNW and asked attendees to serve as singers and readers in her creative work-in-progress musical effort.

Old Business

Due to changes in the recording of funds and changes to our bylaws, it is necessary that the FC create a new position of Treasurer. It was voted to create such a position and the nominee, Ruth Ann Honcz, was unanimously elected Treasurer.

New Business:

Irene Theriot said that the FC Board has been discussing how best to implement the FC mission of advocacy and enhancement of patient care and asked for suggestions from the attendees.

Chris Thurlow, Vice Chair of TNW Board, requested that members of the FC lend their support to the Friends of TNW September 21<sup>st</sup> fundraiser to be held at the town's golf course. Tommy Reale offered to solicit contributions for a raffle to be held in conjunction with the golf outing. Jim Shipman, member of the Resident's Council was introduced.

Two family members made comments about menu choices and serving patterns. Both comments will be addressed.

Closing Comments:

David Ormsby, Chairman of TNW Board, said that his Board values the FC input and that a FC representative would be involved in the final round of interviews for the Executive Director.

Channel 79 TV will air a conversation with representatives of TNW on May 4<sup>th</sup>. TNW is making a cultural shift to a more Patient-Centered Care paradigm which is an effort to place more emphasis on the residents' choices.

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> is the next TNW Board meeting which is open to the public. The next FC meeting is Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carol Nizlek Lindstrum*  
*Secretary, TNW Family Council*