BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OPEN MEETING
By Videoconference

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021

PRESENT:  Mr. Scott Smith (Chair)  Ms. Leisa Faulkner  Mr. Stan Nahrgang
          Ms. Jenny Baker  Mr. Don Kaluzny  Mr. Phil Pfeifer
          Ms. Janine Barry  Mr. Keith Martin  Mr. Tim Rollins
          Mr. Richard Cantin  Ms. Linda Maxwell  Mr. Jim Stirtzinger
          Ms. Linda Fabi  Dr. Peter Potts  Ms. Marion Thomson Howell
          Ms. Lee Fairclough

REGrets:  Mr. Michael Harris  Dr. Bill Plaxton

GUESTS:  Mr. Brian Guest  Ms. Winnie Doyle

RESOURCE:  Ms. Cathy Bailey  Ms. Sherri Ferguson  Ms. Anne Kelly
           Ms. Susan Dusick  Mr. Gary Higgs

1.0  CALL TO ORDER:  4:00 p.m.

1.1  Opening Prayer/Reflection

Ms. Thomson Howell provided the reflection.

2.0  CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION
It was moved that:
  •  The open agenda be approved as presented.
  •  There is no conflict of interest noted.
  •  The open minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of January 27, 2021 are approved as printed and circulated.
  •  The report of the St. Mary’s Volunteer Association.
  •  The report of St. Mary’s Foundation.
  •  The report of the Mission and Governance Committee.
  •  The open report of the Resource Planning and Utilization Committee.

Moved, Seconded, VOTED AND CARRIED.

3.0  Generative Discussion:  Deferred.

4.0  REPORTS

4.1  Report of the Chair

Mr. Scott commented that he and Ms. Thomson Howell were involved in viewing a presentation on the Grand River Hospital (GRH) vision and strategy. There is a lot of synergy between St. Mary’s and GRH and it is good to see this relationship evolving. He also thanked Ms. Anne Kelly for her work on finalizing the St. Mary’s strategic plan
4.2 Report of President
The report of the President was circulated with the meeting package. Ms. Fairclough commented on the following:

- She was pleased to share the design version of the strategic plan and echoed Mr. Smith’s appreciation of Ms. Kelly’s efforts to see this finalized. It is hoped that there is some time between pandemic waves that we can begin socializing the plan with staff. There is a meeting next week of the Senior Leadership and Directors team to discuss how we get this underway and integrate and build it into the way we work. We will have a formal launch the week of March 8th.

- With regard to the development of eye care services and the government call for proposals for Independent Health Facilities (IHF), there have been some subsequent discussions with the Ontario Health Association (OHA) and Ministry of Health (MOH). There may be some opportunity to adjust what this call for proposals is about. We had been working with our eye care program to look at an off-site location to do cataracts and hope there is a chance to open this up as an Alternative Health Facility (AHF). Taking this approach would ensure a connection to the hospitals and oversight for the quality of care that is delivered.

- The COVID outbreak on the Medicine Unit on the 5th floor was declared over today but the outbreak on 3West continues. We are seeing a lower number of admissions presently, however, staff are braced for another wave particularly with the rapid increase of VOC (variant of concern) cases in the province.

- Ms. Fairclough read a letter from a grateful patient that was addressed to the staff on 3West.

5.0 BUSINESS: None.

6.0 INFORMATION/EDUCATION ITEMS: None.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT: 4:18 p.m.

Motion: That the Board of Trustees move into the in camera meeting.
Moved, Seconded, VOTED AND CARRIED.