VanDiest Medical Center Auxiliary Board Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026

10:00am

Hospital Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Doering.

Present: Diane Doering, Sue Anderson, Shirley Bowman, Deb Jaycox, Lorraine Habben, Lori Foster, and Pat Nokes.

Five of the six scholarship recipients were in attendance this morning (Jacie Crutcher was already beginning her schooling in Michigan). Lorraine introduced the five graduates who were here. They are: Alivia Burns, Heidi Mendoza, Janey Putney, Sydney Gelder, and Abigail Ervin. They each told us a bit about themselves and Diane presented certificates to them. Sue explained that the checks to accompany those certificates would be sent in July. A picture was taken. Lori read a letter from a counselor at South Hamilton thanking us for providing scholarship opportunities for students.

Lori introduced Christina Peterson, the director of Emergency Services, who presented a request for a device called a "Butterfly Wand." This is an ultrasound instrument that helps to locate arteries and veins in patients. It costs $3,924. It was moved by Deb that we purchase this device, and seconded by Lorraine. The motion passed.

Lori also informed us that the hospital has received a Top Workplace award from USA Today, which is a national award. She also mentioned that on June 9 the hospital will host a Whole Foods event, whereby there will be cooking demonstrations of healthy meals, with speakers discussing the ingredients. It will be held from 5:30-6:30 at the hospital. The hospital also has a new physician: Quincey Ollendieck, an orthopedist, who will begin seeing patients on June 8.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented, and each member read them silently. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Deb and seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

Sue presented the Treasurer's report that showed a current bank balance of $45,296.68. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Shirley and seconded by Lorraine. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership— Pat said that notices for dues will be sent out in June for the 2026-2027 year. Sue mentioned that several (over 20) newsletters had been returned for incorrect addresses and that perhaps the wrong label list had been printed. Pat said that she and Linda will look into it.

Blood Drive— Shirley said that the last blood drive was very successful, with 28 units collected. Deb mentioned that the coupons given out to blood drive donors (20% off one item from the gift shop) had been fraudulently copied. It was decided that perhaps we should use heavier card stock paper and not just copy paper. Lori and Deb will coordinate efforts on this.

Fundraising— Diane announced the results of the scrubs sale. The total sales were $3,656.41, with the employees charging $2,742.90. It was agreed by acclamation that we will do this each April as an annual event to benefit the employees.

Gift Shop—Deb reported that popular new items in the shop are magnetized, glow-in-the-dark butterflies that can go anywhere to brighten up a space. She has expanded the greeting card line—more funny ones. There are new and more baby items, and the infant department has been expanded. Deb also said that there is a new video out on Facebook that starts outside of the hospital and takes the viewer on a "tour" of the gift shop and all that it has to offer.

The next board meeting will be on July 20, 2026 in the hospital conference room at 10:00am.

Pat moved and Lorraine seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Anderson, Secretary