

International Vasa Previa Foundation, Inc.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 16 May 2005

Executive Committee members present:

- Amy Brown Gaghagen, President
- Cindy Paris, Secretary / Membership, Nominating Committee Chairperson, Acting Education Committee Chairperson
- Victoria Goldstein, Treasurer / PR Committee Chairperson

Debi Pederson, Vice President was not in attendance.

IVPF Committee chairpersons present:

- None

Kathy Blades, Support Committee chairperson was not in attendance

Beth Farman-Farmaian, Research Committee chairperson was not in attendance

Others present:

- None

Meeting began at 16:06 GMT (10:06 AM CST)

Executive Committee Minutes from 2 May 2005 were unanimously approved for archival and distribution with one change – the meeting date from 18 Mar to 2 May.

IVPF Monthly Members Meeting was held 1pm CST on 4 May. No one attended but the hosts.

Agenda:

- Officer Reports
- Treasury Reports
- Chapter Reports
- Membership Committee Report
- Public Relations Committee Report
- Research Committee Report
- Fundraising Committee Report
- Education Committee Report
- Support Committee Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- Old Business
- New Business

Officer Reports:

- President
 - No report given.
- Vice President
 - No report given.
- Secretary
 - No report given.

- Treasurer
 - Sophie's Walk 2004 made \$21,807, less than 2003, but not by much. We'd like to shoot for \$30,000 this year. This information was available weeks ago, but Secretary forgot to add it to the agenda.
 - USA
 - Donations and interest: \$ 50.00
 - Expenses: \$ 869.95
 - Total cash on hand: \$ 48,749.60
 - In-kind donations: \$0
 - Thank-you notes sent to donors: 2
 - UK (no report given)
 - Donations and interest: £0
 - Expenses: £0
 - Total cash on hand: £828.11
 - In-kind donations: £0
 - Thank-you notes sent to donors: 0

Membership:

- No report given.

Public Relations:

- No report given.

Research:

- No report given.

Fundraising:

- 1000 awareness bracelets for Sophie's Walk have been ordered from Bea Saver. They will say "International Vasa Previa Foundation".
- First Sophie's Walk meeting took place on 12 May 2005. One Walk Captain attended. Next meeting is scheduled for June 9th, also a Thursday at 9pm EST. Jacqueline will host.
- IVPF has signed up for the affiliate program of Stork Avenue <http://www.storkavenue.com> IVPF will earn 10% of sales. IVPF associate link to Stork Avenue is on the IVPF Store page and on Nathan's website Link's page. Cindy contacted Stork Avenue requesting fliers or brochures to hand out at Sophie's Walk.

Education Committee Report:

- This committee looks for websites to post IVPF information on.
- Ilona Kuss' story has been included on the stories page of the IVPF website.
- A Maternal Child Health Clinical Coordinator from Oceanside, California contacted Cindy privately on 10 May 2005 through Nathan's pages. She thanked Cindy for the information that site provides and stated that she will use his story will help educate nurses caring for high risk pregnant patients and also the families they touch. Cindy wrote her back with links to vp information and thanked her for her efforts, inviting her to contact us if she needs any more information or help in this area.
- Cindy will ship IVPF materials to the AIUM for their annual convention. Materials are due by 6 June to be used at the convention. 500 brochures, 500 bookmarks, and 50 copies of the study will be sent.

Support Committee Report:

- The question was asked about an estimated date on the completion of the support section of the website. Estimated date was not given at this time.

Nominating Committee Report:

- No report given.

Old Business:

- Canadian hospital list for mailing still to be purchased. Susan is working on compiling addresses for Excel list of 95 UK hospitals representing 150 or more births per year. Info packet will be sent out to USA, UK, and Canadian hospitals as soon as list is complete and printing bids for materials is approved.
- ISUOG 15th World Congress on Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology taking place in Vancouver, Canada 25-29 Sep 2005: IVPF is still in contact with them regarding reducing the registration fee.
- Info packets for the SDMS meeting, pending authorization from them.

New Business:

- It was unanimously agreed to purchase the domain name IVPF.org if it is available.
- Comments were made about the inordinate amount of spam vasaprevia email accounts receive. This has been a problem for those using vasaprevia.com email accounts. Previous discussion on purchasing domain level spam catching from the web host was unproductive due to the fact that this technology is not perfected yet, not only letting some spam through, but also sometimes keeping legitimate emails from being delivered. The suggestion was made to obtain and use personal spam catchers, enabling the users to double check marked email before it is deleted. No other solutions or suggestions were made for this continuing problem.

The next regular IVPF Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday, 6 June 2005 at 16:00 GMT (10:00 AM CST, 11:00 AM EST) in the Board room of the Vasa Previa Chat Café.

Meeting Adjourned at 16:58 GMT (10:58 AM CST)