

Reports given at W.M. Hospital Foundation meeting

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The Wright Memorial Hospital Foundation Board met Tuesday evening for its quarterly meeting of the 2012 year.

Board President Cathy McKay presided at the meeting and welcomed board members and visitors. Six new board members and one ex-officio member were welcomed to the meeting. Those members are Dr. Kevin Harris of Trenton, Linda Kennebeck of Trenton, Matt Krohn of Princeton, Steve Maxey of Trenton, Vel McClanahan of Kirksville, Cara McClellan of Chula and Mack Woodard of Trenton.

WMH Foundation Development Officer Matt Osterthun gave a recap of the 8th Annual Foundation Golf Tournament held on June 22nd. He indicated that 28 teams participated in the tournament that raised a total of \$17,000 which was enough to purchase a new cautery machine for the Surgery Department which is currently operating.

Osterthun said that 48 sponsors, the tournament committee and volunteers were responsible for the success of the event. The date for the 2013 tournament is being discussed and will be shared at a later date.

Osterthun and board member Cara McClellan gave a report on the upcoming event called "The Wright Run". McClellan shared that the theme for the 5k/10k run and walk race is health care awareness which will take place on Saturday, October 6 at the Old WMH Medical Office Building on West First Street in Trenton. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the race at 8 a.m. A \$25 donation per person or \$100 for a team sponsorship of four is the entry fee which includes an event t-shirt and the proceeds from the event will go towards the walking trail and memorial garden campaign.

Osterthun thanked the sponsors of the event which includes Farmers Bank of Northern Missouri, Hometown Pharmacy, Premium Standard Farms, Hy-Vee, Modine Manufacturing, Grundy County Health Department and North Central Missouri College. Persons or businesses wanting to participate can call 358-5706 to register.

Osterthun also gave a progress update on the walking trail and memorial garden campaign. The campaign kicked off March 30 with WMH employees challenged to attain a 100% goal of participation hospital wide. He informed the board that 97% of WMH employees have pledged or contributed to the campaign thus far, which has totaled over \$27,000 committed to the Foundation. To date, \$19,732 has been raised in 2012 for the walking trail and memorial garden campaign.

CEO Gary Jordan was present at the meeting and informed the board that Dr. Guarin has begun his practice on August 27. Dr. Guarin is a family practice/OB physician.

The next meeting of the Wright Memorial Hospital Foundation Board will be held in December.