**Annual Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2017**

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Meeting started with President Rich Morgan welcoming everyone.

Tom Meshanko gave the blessing.

**John Staniszewski – Fundraiser Chair**

Current Tally’s for finished fundraisers:

Mulligan - $9,320

Bowling - $4,762

Table Sales - $17,385

Thank you to Rich Morgan, Melissa Bell and Georgene Thomas.

The Fundraising Committee is open to all ideas for fundraisers. Please email all ideas to fundraising@teamalleghenie.org

Remember, there is a team ready to help out on all fundraisers.

Salt Lake City will be expensive, so we will need to raise more money.

**FYI: Bowling Fundraiser is March 4, 2018**

**Joe Weber – Financial Report**

**Team Pittsburgh Transplant Agreement**

Core and Team Alleghenies Transplant have worked together for years, with each organization supporting the other. A formal Agreement has been reached which details the following roles and responsibilities.

**CORE will provide and Team Alleghenies Transplant will receive:**

* All required IRS reporting
* Processing of all invoices and cash receipts and check writing.
* Insurance coverage for all Team Alleghenies Transplant’s public meeting (walks, events, etc.)
* Printing services up to $1,000.00 per year
* Apparel for Team Alleghenies Transplant for the Donate Life Transplant Games of America (when economically feasible)
* An intern, if and when available, to serve as a liaison between the two parties and to assist with Team Alleghenies Transplant project.

**In consideration of the above, CORE will receive:**

* One voting and one non-voting seat on the Team Alleghenies Board of Directors.
* Full commitment from Team Alleghenies Transplant for volunteering at CORE events.
* Advertising on Team Alleghenies Transplant items, Including:

Membership Shirts

Walk Shirts

Jackets

Brochures

Handbooks

* Acknowledgement of this partnership in a prominent place on the Team Alleghenies Transplant website.

Starting Balance - $45,506

Receipts - $34,579

Expenses - $21,564

Today’s Balance - $58,521

The bulk of the receipts come from three sources, as follows:

Table Sales $17,385

Mulligan $9,320

Bowling $5,358

**Joe Weber – Elections**

This year, there were 8 members who accepted nominations for positions on the Board of Directors,

Bill Cornell

Joanna Burka

Tina Rothermel

Georgene Thomas

Jody Miller

Ron Gooden

Nancy Kaminski

Toni Linder

On behalf of the board and the entire membership, we thank you for your willingness to serve.

In very close voting, the winners of the election are:

**Bill Cornell for Vice- President**

**Georgene Thomas for Secretary**

**Ron Gooden for Member at Large**

**Melissa Bell – Membership Chair**

Committee Members:

Kathy Jacobs

Mary Alice King

Julietta Mangino

Tina Rothermel

Kim Krebs

As of last year’s annual meeting we had a total of 260 members

As of today we have the following Active members.

Recipients – 77

Living Donors – 16

Donor Family Members – 12 (total families 14)

Supporter – 64

Waiting – 1

Guardian – 4

New Members – 33 and CORE Staff 6

Total = 174

We had 2 members pass away – Christine Navecky and Chrissy Williams.

Membership for 2017-2018 year is free to all members. Therefore, if you know someone or if those that volunteer at the hospitals, CORE knows of someone interested in Team Alleghenies Transplant, please direct them to the team website. Where they can sign up under the membership tab.

Membership:

We have updated our handbooks, which everyone received on their seats.

The pamphlets are also new and we have distributed them at UPMC’s cardiothoracic, heart clinic on 5B and at the Starzl clinic on 7W Montefiore.

**Donate Life Transplant Game of America –**

**Colleen Yost**

Amtrak Train $220 (2 - days each way)

Greyhound Bus $240 (1- day each way)

Registration $150 (early bird)

Hotel $130/night

Rough Total $1,500 - $2,000/per person

**Altitude:** Dr. Matthew Morell grew up in Utah, he is also the Medical Director of the Lung Transplant Program at UPMC. He assures me there will be no concerns medically. I attended the Manager’s meeting and was able to function as I always do. I noticed faster breathing.

**Cost:** (see totals above) Fundraising monies have helped defray the costs and I have no reason to think this will be any different. Plan on sharing rooms if you want to take advantage.

**Time of Year/Heat:** Remember we were in Houston in July…

**First Time,** not sure if I can compete: No worries, you can also be a supporter, but it is an experience you’ll never forget.

Colleen Yost has asked for members to step up and take over as Team Manager.

She would like to have the new Team Manager in place soon so she can train them before she leaves.

Thursday starts some of the competitions.

Opening Ceremony on Friday

Basketball & Volleyball will be in the evening

Donor Ceremony will be on a night by itself.

Closing Ceremony will on Tuesday.

We will be stay in one of these 3 hotels.

Holiday Express, the Marriott or Crystal Inn

**Important Information & Save the Dates:**

Volleyball Managers – Mike Currin 724-796-1603 and Gary Santel.

Next Meeting at CORE – January 20, 2018

(Time to be determined)

**A Transplant Story – Diana Natale and Melissa Bell**

Melissa Bell who received a heart 11 ½ years ago, found out in her 10th year that she would need a Kidney transplant.

Diana Natale, whose husband Mike need a Kidney from his sister 11 years ago.

Diana found out that Rudy Molnar needed a Kidney and offered to donate to Rudy. Due to medical problems, Rudy couldn’t receive a Kidney transplant.

 Kathy Jacobs knew that Diana wanted to donate a Kidney and that Melissa needed a kidney put the two of them in touch with each other.

Diana and Melissa were not compatible due to different blood types, so they went into the Living Donor Swap Program. When a Kidney came available for Melissa, Diana was called and agreed to donate her Kidney at a later date if Melissa got the Kidney that was available now.

Melissa, donor was a school teacher from New York named Johnny. Johnny originally wanted to donate part of his Liver for a little boy in the Buffalo area. Fortunately, the little boy had already received a match and was transplanted. Johnny was then asked if he would be willing to donate a kidney, which is also a shorter recovery time, and would have him ready to return to work when school started. Johnny said, “Yes”.

On July 7, 2017 Johnny donated his Kidney to Melissa. They also got to meet before he went home.

On September 19, 2017 Diana got the opportunity to become a Donor, and donated her Kidney.

Diana also got to meet her donor Larry and family. Larry’s sister Brenda donated her Kidney on October 19, 2017. Brenda was flown up to Erie for the Kidney Transplant surgery.

Diana was home on the 20th and back to work a week and half later.

Diana says “She feels blessed to be a Living Donor. Diana and Melissa were part of an 11 person swap so far.

**Door Prizes:** Every year we raffle off 2 Shadow Boxes and 2 Scrapbook Albums.

This years’ winners were

Shadow Box – Gary Miller

Scrapbook Album – Evelyn Wegrzyn

Shadow Box – Robb Wilson

Scrapbook Album – Jack Silverstein

Also a pair of Steeler Tickets were donated anonymously for The Sunday Oct. 22nd

Game and won by: Fred Ryan

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