

NTxPCC Annual Meeting Minutes – 11/07/2013

ATTENDEES:

Board of Directors:

Wolfram Blattner, Tom Dillon, Bruce Stahl, Gregg Wallace, and Jim McDaniel ; excused: Terry Theiss, Bob Williams

Members: Wanda Strange, Gayle Wilkins, and Emily Gentry; Excused: Baylor/Dallas, Presby/Dallas, 50 Hoops

Additional Attendee: Dan Groves

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Wolfram Blattner and made available printed copies of the presentation charts with backup material.

Wolfram began with a review of the coalition and noted that all prostate cancer support groups in the Metroplex area are members of the NTxPCC with Tyler now being an Affiliate Member.

With changes at the American Cancer Society, they have requested that the “Man to Man” name not be used any more. So the Ft. Worth support group will become the Fort Worth Prostate Cancer Support Group and have regular monthly meetings at the Moncrief Cancer Center in Fort Worth on the first Tuesday of every month.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the 2012 Annual Meeting will be emailed for review.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Bruce Stahl presented the 2013 Financial Statement (thru 10/31/2012) without any questions.

Wolfram presented the 2014 Budget without any questions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Current Directors (serving 3 year terms): Jim McDaniel, Wolfram Blattner, Tom Dillon, Terry Theiss and Gregg Wallace

Nominations: Bruce Stahl and Bob Williams terms have expired and they have volunteered to serve an additional term of three years. Dan Groves was also nominated and will serve as the new Treasurer for NTxPCC.

All three nominees were approved to serve on the Board of Directors.

In a brief BoD meeting, the Board approved Dan Groves serving as the new Treasurer.

SPECIAL EVENTS - 2013

Events:

Wolfram reported that 32 events were supported in 2013 in comparison to 24 in 2012. There is a list in the Backup Section of the presentation charts.

Event Comments:

There is a list in the presentation charts of the events that had brief comments and discussion.

COMBINED SPEAKERS SUPPORT:

There are three main speaker events anticipated for 2014; it is hoped that we can support each other regarding attendance.

Prostate Cancer Symposium for 2014

UREF Dinner Lecture

Baylor – Dallas Annual Survivor Celebration

AWARENESS AND MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

Wolfram announced that NTxPCC was honored as a 2013 Top-Rated Non-Profit organization based on positive online reviews.

Wolfram also noted that at the “Rock the Red Door” Cancer Support Community North Texas benefit celebrity guest Chace Crawford was an invited guest. Chace Crawford’s sister and her husband Tony Romo also attended with him.

Possibly more contact with sports organizations can increase public exposure to NTxPCC.

WEBSITE:

Wolfram reported that the NTxPCC website had an average of 8 hits per day in 2013. A major revision of the site added more pictures, picture descriptions, and internal titles to attract more search engines. Pages were added for each of the members; it will be their responsibility to update information on their respective page.

NETWORKING:

A list of potential local groups, local survivor organizations, and national groups was presented. Wolfram discussed the question if there would be any benefit to the NTxPCC in establishing more formal affiliations with other PCa education and/or support organizations, and what could we offer other organizations. More efforts should be made in connecting with local survivor organizations as survivorship issues are part of our objectives.

Note: After the meeting Wolfram sent an email listing contact information for the groups listed in the charts.

GOALS FOR 2014:

Diversity:

- Continue activity with the African-American Community particularly with South Dallas and 50 Hoops
- Latino Community starting with local Hispanic Communities. The Spanish Prostate Cancer brochure will become a reality in 2014 with a need for Spanish speaking survivors and speakers.

Special Events:

- We will continue existing programs; the two larger ones are the “Cowtown Cruisin’ for a Cure” and the Prostate Cancer Symposium
- Expand support for USMD events
- Awareness program with the North Texas Premier League (Soccer) in September
- Be available to support where and when possible and feasible

Awareness:

- Increase awareness in Urology and Texas Oncology Offices
- Media opportunities as available

Advocacy:

- We will need a representative to attend the advocacy NASPCC training session during January, 2014 in Chicago

CHALLENGES:

There is a need for program managers

We have had a manpower shortage and a need for more active volunteers

The 2014 Symposium needs financial support

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Wallace – Secretary