

Minutes from Friends for Life of America General Meeting - February 15, 2001

I. Welcome

President Steven Cohen (scohen@friendsforlife.com) called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM. In celebration of our Fourth Anniversary, each member received a special treat upon entering the room. The Executive Board decorated our meeting room with streamers and balloons to enhance the atmosphere.

II. Ice Breakers

In conjunction with our Fourth Anniversary Celebration, IDEAL led two unique icebreakers. The first icebreaker involved asking the members stand on a tarp and work together to flip the tarp over without using their hands. This task was especially difficult since all of the members had to remain on the tarp the entire time. The second icebreaker was called "Human Knot." Members formed groups, held the handle of the person across from them in the circle, and attempted to untangle themselves without letting go. These icebreakers helped the members in learning to work together.

III. Valentine Hearts

Our widely successful Valentine Hearts program truly made a difference. Tonya Carr, Assistant Director of Member Services (tlcarr@friendsforlife.com), informed the members that the UF community designed 2,090 cards. The cards were distributed on Monday to five hospitals. Thanks to everyone who tabled at Turlington Plaza.

IV. Milestones in Medicine Medical Forum

Cory Klippel, Director of Public Relations (cklippel@friendsforlife.com), told the members about the upcoming Medical Forum. The forum is to be held March 19, 2001 at 7:00 pm on the 2nd floor of the Health Science Building at Shands Hospital. A Chair is greatly needed for this program and applications are available online. This forum will feature Dr. Graham-Pole, Co-Founder of the Arts in Medicine Program, and other prominent members of the medical community.

V. Mile for a Child

Hanna Frost, Director of Campaign Development (hfrost@friendsforlife.com), updated the members on the 5K run. Christina Dupree, the newly appointed Chair for MFAC, urged members to join their Committee and tell other organizations about this exciting event. As the date, April 7, 2001, approaches, more help will be needed. We are contacting many potential sponsors and working with tee-shirt companies to negotiate prices. Steven announced the prize for the member who raises the most money is a BONGOS jacket autographed by Gloria Estefan. The minimum amount that a member must raise to be eligible for this prize is \$444, in honor of our fourth anniversary.

VI. Hearts for the Holidays: Global Outreach

The goal of this program is to send 1000 hats and teddy bears to 1000 pediatric patients throughout the world. Tony Rodriguez, Director of International Affairs (trodriguez@friendsforlife.com), told members that letters are prepared and ready to be distributed to local businesses requesting donations of teddy bears and hats. If you are

interested in helping with this project, please join the Committee and make an impact on the lives of others.

VII. Shands Hospital Volunteering

Steven informed members about the new volunteer policy at Shands Hospital. This information is available in the Members Only section of our website. You must first contact Lauryn Arce in the Volunteer Services Office to set-up your schedule BEFORE you attend an orientation and schedule your interview. Her number is posted on our website. This new method will alleviate any past problems.

VIII. Open Officer Positions

Steven announced the opening of two officer positions: Assistant Director of Campaign Development and Assistant Director of Technological Resources. Applications are available online. If you have any questions, e-mail Steven at scohen@friendsforlife.com.

IX. Atrium Performance

Valerie Lynch, Interim Vice-President, announced that the details of the program are being planned and when more information is available, it will be posted on the website. If you have any questions, e-mail Valerie at vlynch@friendsforlife.com.

X. Announcements

Steven and Matt displayed the Top 8 cards designed during the Valentine Hearts campaign. Steven announced that the organization would be expanding to four other universities. If you have friends at another university, encourage them to check out our website and apply to start a Chapter of their own. In honor of the fourth anniversary of FFL, each officer spoke on what FFL meant to him or her.

XI. Inspirational Moment

"More people have survived cancer than now live in the city of Los Angeles." The cure rate for cancer is now 85%. And with your support, we will continue to save more lives. Please continue to attend our meetings and get involved in our organization.

XII. Adjourn