

Friends for Life of America
General Meeting Minutes
9/20/2001

7:36 PM--meeting called to order

- I. Introduction
- II. Officer Applications
 - a. Tonya Carr—Director of Special Events
 - b. Shelley Rood—Director of Chapter Programming
 - c. All other appointments will be made by email next Thursday.
- III. Shands Hospital *Arts in Medicine* Program
 - a. Many positions are still open:
 - i. *Circle Arts Studio*—Pediatric patients going into surgery are given materials to create art (9 AM-12 PM, M-F).
 - ii. Volunteers working with patients while they receive their dialysis treatment (8:30 AM-11:30 AM, M-F).
 - iii. Volunteers working with long-term adult patients who are waiting for heart transplants (1 PM-3 PM, TH).
 - b. Activities for the patients include making collages, visual arts and crafts, poetry, essays, and creative writing.
 - c. The volunteering program at Shands Hospital began 10 years ago with two volunteers and became one of the most comprehensive today with 70 volunteers, working in 36 areas of the hospital.
 - d. The Society for Arts and Healthcare Conference will require 20 volunteers. This event will showcase keynote speakers such as Patch Adams.
 - e. Blair Sadler Award—Participants design an art project that could be utilized in Shands Hospital. The winner receives a small scholarship and free admission to the aforementioned conference.
 - f. More information about the volunteering program at Shands Hospital is on the *Friends for Life of America* website under the volunteering subheading.
- IV. Leukemia Awareness Month Updates
 - a. Leukemia Awareness Month Banner—The banner is painted and currently up in Turlington Plaza through Sunday. It will be transferred to the North Lawn and can be found there next week (9/24/2001-9/28/2001)
 - b. Prominent Pies in Face—This program will feature the IHRA President, Student Body President, Student Senate President, and several other prominent figures on the UF campus.
 - c. Writing Walls—This event is held in conjunction with the Prominent Pies in the Face event. We will post two bulletin boards on which UF students and faculty can write whatever they want concerning leukemia.
 - d. Painting 34th St Wall—This date for this event has been set to Sunday, Sept. 30 at 6 PM.

- e. Tea for Two—This fundraiser has been moved to October due to the full September agenda and the tragic events of last week.
- V. Dr. Stephen Hunger, Chief of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Shands Hospital speaks about the incidence of leukemia over different ages and the various methods of treating this disease and the advancements in treatment in recent years (or lack there of).
- VI. Announcements
 - a. Sukkot Survivor program—Eight participants live in a Sukkot on Hillel and compete in several competitions for a grand prize. This event runs from October 2-10. Applications are due tomorrow (9/21/2001).
- VII. Members make LAM ribbons so they can distribute them to UF students and faculty.

8:21 PM—meeting adjourned