**Philadelphia Multiple Myeloma Networking Group**

Steering Committee Meeting Report

Note: Reports will be uploaded in PDF format on the PMMNG’s website within 1 month of meeting.

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_1/13/18\_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary: Barbara Falkowitz\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attendance: Nancy Stewart, Christina Bach, Phil Falkowitz, Sharon Alexander, Ken Kaplan, Richard Abraham, Joel Gottfried, Mike Burns, Jack Huston, Maddie Hunter, Barbara Falkowitz

Main Topics Discussed, Decisions Made & Actions Planned:

Programs:

* Possible new program idea – Exercise (with possible Stair climbing patient at Penn)
* February program will feature Dr. Garfall for the ASH update
* March meeting – Donna Capozzi, Penn Pharmacist
* May program on Palliative Care – add segment on Medical Marijuana
* September program change – Robin Tuohy and Collen Erb, NP at Abramson
* October meeting to be cancelled so that all can attend IMF’s Patient and Family seminar at Sofitel Hotel. October Steering Committee will also be cancelled and held on September 8th instead.
* Penn will hold its annual Blood Cancers conference in November. Date TBD.
* Penn’s survivorship plan grant aims to have a URL for us to use in March and the opportunity to participate in focus groups later in spring.

Communications

* Sharon will add inclement weather information to new member welcome letters
* Jack will contribute his MM story to our website
* Maddie will draft a survey for committee to canvass membership about their skills and interests as potential volunteers

Membership List

* Joel presented his thinking about a membership database to facilitate more peer networking
* Discussion included the need for clear goals for what the database would be used for, training for peer support, disclaimers to avoid liability, clarification of who would own the data and oversee it.
* Next steps involve:
	+ Joel linking with the Texas support group to learn from their database experience
	+ Maddie and Joel meeting with IMF legal representatives concerning the liability and ownership issues

Finance:

* Our balance with the IMF is $11,500. We have $925 in petty cash.

Fund Raising

* MFM will be held on April 28. Committee is already engaged and planning.

Date of Next Meeting: Next Steering Committee will be April 14th