**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:** 9/8/18 Recording Secretary: Marilyn Alexander

**Attendance:** Maddie Hunter, Sharon Alexander, Marilyn Alexander, Ken Kaplan, Jack Huston, Richard Abraham, Phil Falkowitz, Barbara Falkowitz, Mike Burns, Christina Bach, Cindy Chmielewski

**Main Topics Discussed, Decisions Made & Actions Planned:**

1. **Program Committee:** Christina gave an update on upcoming programs for 2019. It was decided to ask Dr. Stadtmauer to come to our February meeting to do the Ash update.
2. **Finances:** Phil reported that we have $10,500 in our account with an additional $525 in our petty cash fund. Total funds collected from Miles For Myeloma Race were: $82,000. Expenses were $28,000 with a total of $35,000 budgeted. We will have a separate meeting of the race committee to discuss how to move forward with the race for 2019 and if we want to continue to employ Carolyn as our race coordinator. We hope to meet in early November.
3. **Technology**. Mike Burns will investigate new technology to send out e-mails.

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1. **IMF Leader Summit**. Cindy reported that there is a new app being Beta tested which will be called my Interact. It will provide important information from the website in an app version available to all Support Group Leaders.
2. **Announcements**. A discussion was held regarding the volunteer program. We talked about how to address new members. Jack suggested sending out some pertinent information about the new patient to the greeter prior to them attending their first meeting.

Cindy discussed forming a private facebook group strictly for our members so that we can keep in touch with each other. She would be able to instruct others on how to use it.

Barbara and Phil having been working with Celgene, who is partnering with Apple to develop an app to keep track of symptoms, medications, etc. This would be an easy to use app that people can use and take to their doctors.

Maddie gave a detailed description of her role as a facilitator and what it entails to ensure someone would be able to take over if the need ever arose.

The MMRF race will be held on November 10th. We discussed whether someone should be in attendance to represent us.

Penn Blood Cancer Conference will be held on November 16th. Christina and Marilyn to attend.

**The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held on 1/12/19**