PMMNG Steering Committee Minutes April 10,2024

Attendees: Christina, Barbara, Phil, Meryle, Julie,Jack, Mike B, Richard, Vicki, Joel

Facilitator: Barbara

Minutes recorded by Meryle

Welcome, Any changes to the minutes. Announcement- Julie’s daughter is raising money for LLS at City field N.Y in May and any contributions wll be greatly appreciated

**Leader Transition**-

1. Michael will lead the October meeting 2024
2. Discussions-
   1. How do we keep operating making decisions with lack of a designated leader?
   2. Discussion re: Sanjay Singh
      1. What he wants to do
      2. He has contacts- he s a myeloma patient with background experience in marketing and finance. He wants to lend his expertise
3. Christina discussed the history of our meetings. How they were in person and anyone could attend . Since Covid our meetings are now on line and it is important that the link to the zoom is given after contact is made with Barbara.

* The group would like to see him more involved in the group at our regular meetings.
* Our group is unique in terms of IMF groups. How much do we want IMF involved in our group?
* Jack stated that it is great that we are bringing new energy not the group we are building
* Discussing the Steering committee group
  + Conversation about the past screening process, questions about whether we open the group up. Concern that we should keep the current number of members and not let it get too big.
* Michael stated that the number 12-15 members is good and that the steering committee should report back to the group 2 times a year.
* Mike – re: web site
  + We do have a page under PMMNG that lists upcoming meetings. It now says if interested contact Barbara.
  + Minutes are put up by Mike after the meeting
  + Barbara will send out an email reminding about the web site .
* Michael will talk with Sanja- letting him know that we are interested and would like to see him more involved in the group as a participant.
* Funds- IMF holds our funds as we are not authorized to do so.- Donations made to IMF cab be earmarked for our group.

**Program committee**

May- Roz from Healthtree

June- Colleen and Christina– Ask anything about Multiple myeloma

July- Ruby from LLS

Committee will meet in June to plan out the rest of the year.

Christina will send information to Mike for the Web ste

Question about clinical trials presentation- Julie and Christina will work on it for the program committee.

**Communication committee**

Ideas about meetings in person a few times a year. Michael and Barbara will work on the details.

**PMMNG finances** – Phil - $5159 in account. Petty cash $375

Financial assistance was discussed and some of the changes were stated

**Diversity and Inclusion committee-** Richard – difficulty with meeting times and with those who are unable to attend. Also difficulty with getting information to communities

**Membership committee**- Barbara- membership requests have been slow we need to reach out to more people.

**PMMNG brochures-** Email Barb if any one wants post cards or brochures.

Next Steering Committee meeting will be September 18 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Meryle Gurmankin