

Board Meeting Minutes

June 2026

Present: Kevin Yeska, Cara Connelly, Nikki Lubcke, Dave Storey, Mike Herbert, John Stofflet, Susannah Peterson.

Excused: Brad Westergaard, Kelsey Yeska, Kim Sue Lamster

The board convened at 6:05, welcoming and approving Nikki Lubcke as its newest member. Nikki was a pharmacist at UW Hospital in P-4 Pediatrics/Hematology. She has supported/volunteered on the BCCN Adopt-a-Family program. She is currently with Exact Sciences/Abbott. Welcome, Nikki!

Executive Director's report: Previously submitted via email by Susannah, noting significant grant success. Board members are invited to Little Americka on June 20 from noon to 5pm to experience the fun and joy of the BCCN Summer Picnic. There's no work required for directors; simply enjoy free admission, the rides, and meeting families.

Social Worker's report, via Kim Sue: More than 30 new diagnoses and relapses at AFCH in the past few months. Susannah noted 22 new diagnoses bags are needed. (Board members assembled some. See below). Fishing for Families update (Kevin): August 1 is approaching! (Aug. 2 rain date). Kevin unveiled exciting changes to the FFF webpage on the BCCN site, which will encourage friendly competition between teams to raise more. <https://badgerchildhoodcancer.org/event/bccn-fishing-for-families/> He said 20 teams/200 anglers are expected to participate. BOARD VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED the day before and day of the tournament. Cara offered to be there very early on August 1 to help count/handle money. One more board member needed for that. Please let Susannah know if you are available to assist the day before and/or day of the tournament. This is our largest, single fundraising event...and Kevin's third baby!

Endowment fund via Madison Community Foundation: Discussion about the pros and cons of setting up an endowment fund (minimum \$50k to open); before tabling the matter pending Susannah and John's meeting with MCF. This may or may not be the right time to devote funds to a long-term endowment that could encourage donors to remember BCCN in their wills, etc. We will discuss this further down the line.

Discussion about the possible sale of the building on Atwood: The landlord of our building has hinted he might be selling, and would offer the property, which includes a rental unit upstairs, at a price in the 700s to BCCN. This would mean a mortgage for BCCN, and being a landlord. We decided to wait until we know if a sale is actually imminent. Kevin offered to ask around with some developers in the Atwood area to see if they know of back-up spaces. One option instead of purchasing the property is for Susannah to have office space, but the bulk of the toys, etc. in a storage facility--perhaps even negotiating some type of in-kind rate or donation for both the office and the storage unit.

Assembly of new diagnosis bags: Board members spent the final 20 to 30 minutes assembling new diagnosis bags. Putting items into those bags destined for families at AFCH really brought the mission home to us. Thank you, Susannah! This could be a once or twice a year event for the board. <https://www.facebook.com/johnstoffletNBC15/posts/pfbid0365t32Dkfhznzju6eCb6RJ6uK6tnEvJBRwoPFpQ3ivfLhG6AqWL8wbw77S2Pqufpwfl>