

Dane County Dental Society Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010

Members present: T. Reid, M. Kokott, T. Donnelly, B. Clark, T. Koob, W. Bird, A. Dowd, P. Tepe. **Guest:** Dr. Eric teDuits

- I. **Secretary's Report:** W. Bird—Minutes distributed from February 2010 meeting
- II. **Treasurer's Report:** T. Donnelly—Account Statements: Business Money Market: \$9239.74, M&I Small Business Checking: 22,446.14, Asset Management \$93,159.48. DCDS has received its tax information for filing the 2009 taxes, and this will be forwarded to Jan Froelich at Johnson Block and Assoc.
- III. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Medical Waste Program Update:** Forthcoming letter from MERI for a possible way for directly bill members for use of their service, as opposed to using DCDS as a “middle-man”.
 - b. **April 28th President's Dinner:** WDA President Kent Vandehaar will speak to DCDS at Biaggi's
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. **Give Kids a Smile Program (GKaS):** GKaS started in St. Louis where a number of pediatric dentists offered free screenings to school children in 2000 (or so). It has been in effect in Dane County since 2002. Local GKaS coordinator: Dawn Collins of Children's Dental Center of Madison. GKaS coordinator position is now being subsidized by City of Madison, Dane County, and some private company grants. Budget is approximately \$30,000 at this time. In the last few years, approximately \$150,000-200,000 of dentistry was donated by Dane County dentists annually. School nurses screen patients and recommend them for the program. Dr. teDuits wanted to make sure that DCDS supports GKaS and that the program should continue. The board agreed to continue support for the program.
 - b. **ER visits:** Dr. teDuits presented data from 2009 that over \$1,000,000 of emergency room charges were generated in Dane County from dental walk-in patients alone. Some hospitals are considering a plan to have local dentists be “on-call” for office-hour emergencies and pay them for their services.
 - c. **Past President's Award:** Dr. T. Koob was presented with a plaque from DCDS thanking him for his service as president for 2009.
 - d. **Touched Twice Clinic:** Dr. Warren presented information for the 2010 Touched Twice program. Dentists, assistants, and hygienists are needed to serve. April 17th and October 2nd are the dates for this year. Dentists who serve may either see patients in their own clinics, or volunteer at one of the other offices. For more information, contact Dr. Robb Warren.
- V. **Adjournment:** T. Donnelly, 2nd M. Kokott