

Sigma Theta Tau
Pi Mu Chapter at Large Chapter Meeting
January 10, 2008
EMU North Lawn East Dining Room

Attendance: Judy Matthews, Donna Trimm, Nena Patterson, Claudia O'Neil, Sandy Kreider, Karen Jagiello, Linda Hulton, Kathy Floyd, Laura Yoder, Lucy Barber, Webster Contreras, Kim Hawks, Julie Varkey, Marcy Spory, Sheilla Asare, Jen Edwards, Anne Chanthachaem, Mary Hale, Angie Jewell, Frances Pfister, Michael Heatwole, Samantha Tingen, Tenaya Hantke, and Julia Disbrow.

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Judy Matthews.

Welcome by Judy Matthews. Minutes from November 15, 2007 were reviewed and accepted.

Regional News

A reminder regarding the Educational Research Day—April 17, 18 2008 in Charlotte, N.C. However, this Chapter has scheduled the Professional Development Day for April 17.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy Kreider reported on our current money. Second Quarter Expenditure Total was \$7,734.85. The checking account holds \$25,205.74, Money Market Account holds \$10,367.30, and Certificate of Deposit holds \$2,713.04 for a total of \$38,286.08.

Progress regarding: involvement of students

Financial assistance for membership

Laura Yoder reported from the governance committee how our chapter would like to help students. Currently when dues are paid, \$65 goes to the national organization and \$30 goes to Pi Mu Chapter. When students are invited to join, we will tell them about the scholarship and who to contact. They will be asked to write a short paper on some topic such as how they see leadership in nursing and their interest in STTI as well as a statement regarding their financial need. The student may also be asked to provide a statement from their financial aid officer of financial need. 5 students will be selected from the applications to receive the financial assistance. This is consistent with the STTI policy for helping providing assistance with the national dues. In addition, STTI requires the local chapter to provide assistance prior to requesting assistance from STTI headquarters. This offer applies to the chapter as a whole with both schools eligible. If no one applies, the faculty will have the option to approach the student they know would qualify for membership, but may not have the finances. Possible problems doing this were raised, but it was decided to try it and then deal with any problems as they arise and stay flexible to modify the procedure in the future if needed. It was moved and accepted. The question was

asked if we could duplicate the form from STTI and add our chapter's requirements, so as not cause duplication for the student. This will be explored.

Student representation

As a member of the governance committee, Karen Jagiello suggested discontinue the associate category. The associate category is not recognized by STTI and was a "grandfathered" membership level brought from the schools prior to STTI chapter status. It is also recommended that we focus on the senior student involvement. The recommendation was accepted from the governance committee and after good discussion; it was passed unanimously by the board member.

Student involvement will be encouraged in the senior year and it is requested that the chapter use the students to begin a campaign with the juniors about the STTI, so they learn about the organization and are ready to join if and when they become eligible. Anyone can serve on a committee without being an associate or a member. Linda Hulton suggested we are able to act upon this recommendation immediately even though some literature may be at JMU which discusses STTI associate status. The bylaws will need to be changed to reflect this change and the governance committee was requested to make this change and present to the membership so that it can be voted on as required by our bylaws.

Pi Mu still has the authority to invite juniors to join committees. The nursing students present for this meeting were asked, "What could we do to help with student involvement?" The students responded with two suggestions: Need clearer expectations of what being on what committee includes and as a second student commented that she was confused when she filled out a form to join a committee and thought someone would contact her about the committee meeting. No one did.

New Business

Program update/planning

Nena Patterson reported that Karen Moran will be the key note speaker and will provide also speak at the luncheon. Dr. Moran had suggested the luncheon topic might be about scholarship writing, but was reminded that the audience would include community nurses as well as academic professionals; community nurses may not find that topic relevant to their practice. Travel expenses for Dr. Moran were discussed. It was decided to pay for airline tickets, rental car and hotel and then invoice ½ the cost to Shenandoah. Nena will discuss this with Shenandoah. An honorarium of \$250 is the possible expense. A reminder that Dr. Moran had been to one of the schools when their chapter was established....maybe it was at Shenandoah. 400 people are expected to attend. There will be a need to help plan and assist Nena on this day. A sign-up paper was passed around for those students wanting to participate could be involved. Eleven students signed up to help with their names and contact information given to Nena. The students were thanked for their willingness.

The abstracts for presentations go to Ann Hershberger. Registration for the community nurses will go to Anita Via, Pi Mu secretary at AMC. The concern was

about space for Professional Development Day was raised and it was decided that the space for 2008 is adequate. As the program continues to grow we may need different facilities. Problems with reserving the space included: The space must be requested in November--1 ½ year in advance, even then we can be bumped by other activities at JMU, and we are not allowed to bring in outside food or caterers. Even though Nena had submitted our request as soon as it was allowed for 2009, our normal dates for the Professional Day were unavailable. March 30, 2009 was accepted for the next Professional Day in 2009. Several members will continue looking for alternative space to hold this function. Nena will find out soon what the cost will be to bring Karen Moran here to JMU.

Judy Matthews reported Lisa Frasier's inability to attend meetings was due to her husband having to work those evenings and she had no babysitter. Lisa wants to be active and will help any way she can with the professional day.

Diana Foley, Region 13 director for STTI, would like to attend our Spring Induction ceremony. It was recommended that we ask Diana to be the speaker for the Spring Induction. Judy Matthews will contact her. The induction will be held at the Discipleship Chapel at EMU, which is located on top of the hill at EMU. Arlene Wiens will double check that the building has been reserved.

March 13 is the next meeting to be held at JMU in Blue Ridge Hall, in Room 325. It was requested to begin the meeting at 6:45, because several JMU instructors have late classes. This was approved.

A request was made by Arlene Weins to include discussion about the necessity to bring the archives up to date. One suggestion was to pay someone to do this; it was also suggested that it may be a committee responsibility. It will be discussed at the next meeting. Donna Trimm expressed interest in working on this project during the summer.

Adjourned at 0740.

Submitted by Donna Trimm, Secretary, Pi Mu at Large Chapter