

Pi Mu Board Meeting
November 13, 2008

Present: Linda Hulton, Donna Trimm, Carroll Ward, Heather Strine, Hadley Jenner, Julie Periantoni, Karen Jagiello, Kathy Floyd, Susan Brooks, Michael Heatwole, Marissa Benner, Melissa Beall, Mackenzie Jones, Claudia O'Neill, Laura Yoder, Cindy Rubenstein

September 2008 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Pi Mu Chapter has filed the 990 Form with the federal IRS for tax exempt filing status. This is a change within STTI. Previously, STTI filed as tax exempt entity and has now been revised so that all chapters have to individually file as tax exempt.

Pi Mu has a Facebook page (academic organization) set up beginning this week by Ashley Renkes. A link will be placed on the newsletter. Mechanisms to engage EMU and JMU students on the Facebook page will be explored in the next couple of weeks.

Heather Strine, JMU Academic and Career Advising counselor to HHS, introduced herself and discussed her role within the Recruitment Fair that occurred in October 2008. Website was developed and online payments made available. Significant recruitment of employers occurred. Thirty employers participated in this year's fair. Over 300 JMU students and 15 students attended. Many students volunteered at the fair. Fair went smoothly and good feedback was obtained from the recruiters. Online evaluation of event will be obtained from both students and employers. Heather was recognized for her contributions to the success of the Recruitment Fair.

Laura Yoder introduced the changes to Pi Mu At-Large Chapter bylaws for 2007-2009 biennium. Areas for change: Membership, Meetings, Elections, Governance Committee, Additional Standing Committees, and Chapter Bylaws Approval. Governance Committee has determined that the chapter is following bylaws appropriately. Bylaws were unanimously approved.

Cindy Rubenstein presented summary of STTI Leadership conference experience. Four Pi Mu leaders (L. Hulton, K. Floyd, T. Kiser, C. Rubenstein) attended the STTI Leadership Institute in Indianapolis, IN September 25-27, 2008. The conference provided a great mix of specific sessions addressing leadership development within local chapters and chapter growth as well as opportunities to network with other chapter leaders within our region and within STTI. Attendees divided up in breakout sessions to try and cover all concurrent presentations that would be helpful to us. They also attended regional meetings to brainstorm and share innovative chapter activities and discuss chapter challenges. At the conclusion of the conference, our Pi Mu attendees identified three "must do" priority goals developed from the conference to bring back:

1. Develop a service learning project (to encourage JMU/EMU student connections with nursing leaders/faculty)
2. Focus our emphasis on our nursing leaders: Clinical Scholars at the Bedside program

3. Re-evaluate and clearly define our eligibility protocols/procedures

The group also identified two goals we would like to do:

1. Create a facebook organization to help connect students
2. Try a webinar for a meeting

Chapter was recognized for inducting 11 nurse leaders at the STTI conference.

Will also work on improving attendance at meetings gleaned from conference. Linda discussed making meetings more fun with food, etc. for student engagement. Linda will appoint a committee for service learning project. Also suggest taking a student or two to future conferences. Linda will further evaluate clinical scholars program and feasibility at RMH and AMC.

Kathy, Julie, and Tammy were recognized for an excellent organization on the Fall induction ceremony. Discussion of flow issues (reception, intermission, speaker) discussed. For future inductions, planning group will consider having reception following speaker/ceremony. Scholarship Day will be Monday March 30, 2009 with topic of Clinical Nurse Leader at the Bedside. Planning group will be moving forward with the planning. Send out a "Save a Date" to AMC, RMH, listserv, newsletter, and school nurses. Kathy requested names for panel discussion for scholarship day.

Karen Jagiello presented the background for Financial Scholarships for student members experiencing financial difficulties paying induction/membership fees. The chapter needs to set criteria for the scholarship. Considerations presented by Karen (number of scholarships, data needed from students, etc.) and further evaluation of this information will be considered by the Awards Committee and determined by Spring induction invitations.

Linda presented Jeanne Pittsenberger's finance report. Jeanne needs the reimbursement voucher in addition to the receipts for any expenditures. Bank account balances total about \$38,000 as of 10/31/08.

Meeting adjourned 7:14 pm by Linda Hulton.