

Sigma Theta Tau
Pi Mu Chapter at Large Board Meeting
March 20, 2007
Blue Ridge Hall Room 325

Attendance: Judy Matthews, Donna Trimm, Nena Patterson, Claudia O'Neil, Sandy Kreider, Laura Yoder, Merle Mast, Karen Jagiello, Lindsay Fosnight, Brenda Imhoff, Charlene Day, Sara Hershberger, Lorachel C. Daye, Webster Contreras, Chris Wagler, Andrea Shellenben, Danielle Budzius, Julie Stauffer, Laura Sayre [sorry for any misspelling of names].

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM by Judy Matthews.

Welcome by Judy Matthews to EMU students in attendance. Minutes from January 16, 2006 were reviewed and accepted with corrections. Pi Mu Web site changes and improvements were reported.

Committee Reports:

Governance: Claudia O'Neil reported that Susan Conaty-Buck was completing an internal audit of the finances. JMU is accepting students beginning with this semester. The board voted to approve inviting this semester's fifteen eligible JMU students to join as Chapter Associate members. Thirteen of the 15 eligible students have expressed interest in joining.

Treasurers Report/Finance Report: Sandy Kreider reported the checking account currently holds \$20,203.33, Money Market Account \$10,297.12, and Certificate of Deposit has \$6, 648.24 for a total of \$37,148.69.

Financial statements for 2005-2006 were distributed among the officers. It was reported that in 2007, a 990 tax form will need to be completed because of the amount of money this organization currently has.

Professional Development Day: Nena Patterson reported that we are planning on 300 to attend for the Pi Mu Professional Development Day on April 19. The Theme is "Pursuing Excellence in Changing Environments." There are 6 CEU credits available. It was reported that Ann Hershberger worked hard on the brochure and had some difficulty with formatting. On Ann's voice mail in her office there is information about the Day. EMU students are automatically registered for this event. It is mandatory for JMU students to attend. Many of the students are participating in the oral and poster presentations. The catering for the event is completed, which will include a box lunch for students and members alike. There are still some abstracts not submitted and some vendors who have not responded to exhibit. Nena inquired as to which vendors were being contacted by the VNA. We are currently missing five vendors that were here last year. It was clarified that Arlene Wiens was contacting drug companies, so Nena could contact the five missing vendors. Otherwise, the planning is on schedule.

Awards: Judy Matthews presented Linda Hulton's notes regarding the Awards Committee. Patra Reed (AMC), Marvella Rea (AMC), Jan Butcher (EMU) and Angie Nesselrodt (RMH) are to serve on this committee. Everyone was reminded to go to the Pi Mu web site to nominate a recipient for an award. Nomination by this method seems to be user friendly and easy to do. A reminder: money is available for the various awards and provides a good mechanism for recognition of nursing leadership.

NEW BUSINESS

Slate presentation: Presentation of nominations for new officers is scheduled for the May meeting. Judy Matthews stated she will e-mail the slate of nominees for the offices that will be open.

Annual reports: Judy Matthews asked that Sandy Kreider complete the treasurer's part of the report and Judy would assist with the overall Chapter's report due to be submitted to Sigma Theta Tau International.

Nena Patterson will meet with her committee for Scholarship Day preparation. It was decided to order 500 name badges where the paper nametag is slipped into them and on the backs of the paper nametags print a request to return the badges at the end of the meetings. Baskets will be provided to drop the badges in on the way out.

Calendar: Judy Matthews will invite the membership to attend the May 15 meeting to vote on new officers. The new officers can then decide when to have the summer retreat. It was suggested mid June. A request was made for old and new officers to attend the retreat. The students were thanked for attending and invited to ask any questions.

Next meeting is May 15 at 6:30PM at the Blue Ridge Hall Room 325 in Harrisonburg across from Costco.

This meeting was then adjourned.
Submitted by Donna Trimm, Secretary, Pi Mu at Large Chapter