

Sigma Theta Tau  
Pi Mu Chapter at Large Board Meeting  
November 7, 2006  
Blue Ridge Hall Room 325

**Attendance:** Judy Matthews, Donna Trimm, Nena Patterson, Linda Hulton, Claudia O'Neil, Cheryl Mitri. EMU students: Holly Loan and Kelly Randall.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Reviewed minutes from September 19, 2006. Approved and accepted as read.

**Committee Reports:**

October Induction: Nena Patterson reported that eighty people attended. Very few Pi Mu local members were present, mostly students and families. Only two community leaders present were present at this induction. Kristie Lewis spoke about Emergency Preparedness. Discovered we were missing cords. Sandy ordered a box of 100 cords for future use. Total cost for event was \$254.66.

Suggestions for future inductions were made. Keep at EMU, because of food restrictions at JMU. Need to add Melissa Perry as an associate [junior at JMU]. It was discussed redesigning and shortening the program. Suggested deleting the break during the program, therefore could possibly meet from 6 to 7:45 for total time. Reminder to plan on someone responsible for group pictures afterwards. The reception is a picture opportunity. Determine who is sending what information to whom and get the word out. Start the eligibility process in early September, so students can be adequately informed. Need to reserve the chapel and get our calendar in place in January for this year. Need to get dates from EMU and JMU for induction dates. Discussed the need to have only one induction day per year, for now, instead of two. This can be changed later as needed. Nena Patterson will talk with Ann Hershberger and get things set up for the new calendar.

STT Newsletter: Judy Matthews presented concerns about the newsletter from STT. Members are saying they haven't received this newsletter: Talked about possible computer blocks, whether STT had the correct e-mails. A number of people have said they will help with projects. Judy will get a list of those folks who are willing to help by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Nena Patterson asked for folks to help on the committees for scholarship day. Ann Horigan will be responsible for the Recruitment Fair for next year.

Governance: Claudia O'Neil reported sending the new bylaw changes to STT. They used the wrong template to upload the information. Claudia made the changes and told them of the problem, however has never heard back from STT. Did have voting on-line and Vicki Martin did both votes, one for herself and as proxy for Judy Mathews.

Treasurers Report: Susan Conaty-Buck and Arlene Weims are performing an internal audit. Total income for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is \$3,645.00 and expenditures were

\$834.57. Currently, there is checking account of 18,892.39, money market account of 10,254.83, and certificate of deposit of 6,577.44 for a total of \$35,724.66.

Recruitment Fair (October 11): Denise Gochenour stepping down as chair. Ann Horigan will be taking over this responsibility. Expenditures totaled \$847.08 with income from recruiters totaling \$3,400.00 with a net gain of \$2,552.92. It was noted that most of the recruiters were there for nursing, not for other allied health sciences. Suggestions were made to pull other vendors related to allied health sciences and/or change the invitations to make appropriate for other groups. Ask on the recruiter's invitation what disciplines they are willing to recruit. Send a mass e-mail listing the confirmed vendors that are coming prior to the fair for the students.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Leadership Succession: Linda Hulton stated those rotating off from their current positions include Judy Matthews, Ann Hershberger, Nena Patterson, Sandy Kreider, Claudia O'Neil and Linda Hulton.

Awards: Linda Hulton presented the Pi Mu at-Large Chapter Awards. Asked how we can get the information out about the awards to the community and schools? The awards include Founders' Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice [includes \$500.00], Founders' Award for Research Dissemination [renamed and includes \$500.00], Outstanding Senior Nursing student Award [includes \$100.00 for one EMU and one JMU student], Awards for Outstanding Poster and Podium Presentation by a Community Member [includes \$100.00 for poster and \$100.00 for podium], and The Vida Huber Spirit of Nursing Award [included one year Pi Mu membership]. It was approved by the members present to add \$500.00 to this award and remove the free one year Pi Mu membership. This recommendation will be sent out to members for approval for the 2007 awards.

Other News: Nena Patterson reported exploring for speakers for the spring Scholarship Day [April 19]. Bret Lechley was asked, but requests \$1,500.00. He also said he will negotiate this cost. There is no travel accommodations needed for him since he lives in the area. It was suggested that we need a main speaker and a luncheon speaker. Another man had been contacted who does research work with the Indian reservations. He is exploring his calendar. Other speakers and topics for the Scholarship Day were suggested. The Scholarship Day needed to be shorter. During the luncheon need a speaker for the students or they need to be included in some way. Have not heard from VNA if they will be part of the Scholarship Day.

Give Scholarship Day invitations and announcements to Anita Via, Pi Mu secretary, at AMC (avia@augustamed.com) and ask her to send to members by e-mail.

Next meeting is January 16 at 6:30PM in Blue Ridge Hall, room 325 in Harrisonburg across from Costco.

Adjourned at 7:30.

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