

Sigma Theta Tau
Pi Mu Chapter at Large Board Meeting
September 19, 2006
AMC Conference Room C

Attendance: Judy Matthews, Ann Hershberger, Lisa Fracher, Sandy Kreider, Donna Trimm, Ellen Shields, Dana Breeding, Carroll Ward.

OLD BUSINESS: Reviewed minutes from July 18 meeting with those present. Reviewed program plans for this year, which includes Fall and Spring Induction ceremonies, Professional Development Day, and the Recruitment Fair. The chapter's goals were reviewed which includes development of a mentoring program for graduating nursing students; award money for research and an excellence in nursing award, for which community nurses need to be encourage to apply. The faculty from JMU and EMU selects student awards. Need to involve Pi Mu members in the projects so that the workload is lightened and membership involvemed. It was noted that 165 members have paid dues with 173 inactive members on file.

The new officers for Pi Mu Chapter at Large were presented by Judy Matthews as the following.

Vice President—EMU Faculty	Ann Hershberger
Vice President—JMU Faculty	Nena Patterson
Vice President—Community Leader	Lisa Fracher
Treasurer	Sandy Kreider
Secretary	Donna Trimm
Governance & JMU Eligibility	Claudia O'Neil
EMU Eligibility	Michelle Wood
Leadership Succession	Linda Hulton

Committee Reports:

Governance: Claudia O'Neill sent report. Reported still waiting on STTI's acceptance of new bylaws she uploaded to their web site. All are reminded to go to Pi Mu Chapter at Large web site to see the newsletter.

http://www.nursing.jmu.edu/pi_mu/

Treasurers Report: Sandy Kreider reported \$4,000 was transferred to the money market account for a total of \$10,237.31. There is \$16,081.96 in the Checking account. The CD of \$6,577.44 is mature in November of 2006. Fund-raising activities include selling clipboards and selling nursing kits at JMU each fall. The Virginia Student Nurses' Association will use the nursing kit sales as a fund raiser for the spring semester students.

Plans for Induction: Ann Hershberger has called on several individuals for speaker at the induction ceremony with out success. A discussion followed on possible speakers. It was suggested to find if there's a registry of speakers for our area. Disaster preparedness is the chosen topic for the evening. The ceremony will be

held at the Discipleship Center at EMU. Directions to the building will need to be included in the invitations. Susan Brooks and Julie Strunk were community names applying for induction. A list compiled by Claudia O'Neil of eligible JMU senior nursing students was submitted for approval and approved by the board. Susan Brooks was approved for induction in the fall and Julie Strunk will be inducted in the spring. Board members and the general membership are encouraged to invite more community leaders to join—eligibility includes proven leadership in nursing and a baccalaureate degree in any field.

Recruitment Fair: Judy Matthews reported for Denise Gochenour. Plans for the recruitment fair on October 11, Wednesday 25, at JMU are progressing well. There are 25 agencies registered so far and expect more to come. A discussion followed on the number of vendor lunch cards that should be provided with the registration fee. For consistency among vendors it was agreed that two vendor cards per agency would be a good policy. Carroll Ward will obtain bottles of water (from Costco) for the vendor tables. Sign up forms were passed around for attendees to volunteer to assist during the day. It was suggested name badges be supplied for Pi Mu member who will be assisting to promote the STTI, Pi Mu involvement. Parking will be free in the parking lot across from the Festival Center.

NEW BUSINESS: Judy Matthews noted the need for a VP to fill in for her at the induction ceremony and possibly the next scheduled meeting. Ann Hershberger stated the induction ceremony is covered.

Legislative dinner: Judy Matthews reported that the Pi Mu Chapter at Large was a co-sponsor with the Virginia Nurses' Association for the Legislative dinner scheduled October 11, 2006 at 5:30. Registration needs to be completed by Sept 27. It will be held in the Augusta Community Care Building at the Augusta Medical Center campus.

STTI Leadership Conference: Judy Matthews reminded the board that the annual STTI Chapter Leader Academy will focus on community building and global learning and as well as board management at the local level. It will be held September 28-30 in Indianapolis, IN. Onsite registration is still available at \$240 and Pi Mu will pay for two people to go. Gretchen Kelley the representative to STTI from Region 13 wants to know why members have not registered for the conference. It was felt by the group that it is too close to the event to plan to go this year and that attempts should be made to encourage participation by board members/officers at the biennial Convention in 2007. Information will be provided to members as soon as it is received. We will ask Gretchen Kelley to ask the national central office of STTI to give us a newsletter article to circulate to the membership as soon as topics are selected. Judy Matthews will forward this feedback to Gretchen Kelley.

Mentoring Program: The Mentoring program information needs to be available to the students early in their senior year. It will be presented at the induction program. It was suggested that Claudia O'Neill and Teri Humphries plan to have a table at the

induction program for students to obtain information and apply for a mentor early in their senior year. The members of Pi-Mu will serve as mentors for those students requesting this relationship.

Other News: Judy Matthews sent out 164 newsletters with 12 returned with wrong addresses. Only 3 responses were received from the newsletter questionnaire; they were from Linda Gail Johnson and William Truel who are willing to work on short term projects and Kathy Floyd who is willing to serve as an officer and work on projects.

The question was asked, "How do we get invitations for the induction ceremony out to members once the speaker is found for the induction ceremony?" Give to Anita Via, Pi Mu secretary, at AMC (avia@augustamed.com) and ask her to send to members by e-mail. Donna Trimm volunteered to assist with formatting the program and/or the announcement.

Next meeting is November 7 at 6:30PM in Blue Ridge Hall, room 325 in Harrisonburg across from Costco.

Adjournment at 7:30.

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