

# Agenda & minutes

RNAO Windsor/Essex Chapter Executive Meeting – October 28, 2010



Present: Jennifer Johnston, Kelly Mertens, Pat Mckay, Lynda Monik, Carolyn Davies, Crystal Avolio, Veronika Pulley (by telephone)

Results of our Membership Survey & How we can use this information (Crystal)

- Crystal will send summary to us by e-mail
- Crystal will also talk about the results at the Nov 10 meeting & will also put report in the newsletter & on our new web page
- One of the areas was suggestions as to how our chapter could help serve the interests of its members. There were several suggestions. Jennifer stated that perhaps we could focus on one of the suggestions over the next 3 months.

Details for the November 10<sup>th</sup> Dinner Event (Jen)

- Jen & Kelly have dropped off several posters advertisements at different agencies throughout the Essex area.
- Suggestion to do an “ice-breaker” for first half hour – RNAO bingo – Lynda to provide
- Crystal will present results of survey & will make a few copies for the tables
- Discuss upcoming events for next year – Queen’s Park event, etc.
- Request that people think about articles, ideas for nursing week insert
- Honour 25 & 40 year members – Pat will follow up on invitations to honourees and has had certificates plaqued.
- Need 2 gift baskets – one for a member who brings a guest & one for a guest. Pat has tickets that we can hand out to them.

Details for Remembrance Day (Carolyn)

Carolyn has arranged to lay a wreath in Amherstburg  
Pat will arrange to lay one in Windsor – will call the legion to arrange  
Crystal will look into laying one in Lasalle – will call legion

Planning our next events (Violence Workshop Dec 6<sup>th</sup>)

- Lynda will check with RNAO to see if it is possible, at the workshop, to have a ceremony to honour Lori Dupont & the 14 women who were killed in Montreal in 1989
- Kelly will call U of W drama dept to see if there might be some drama students who would do an interpretive dance for it
- Carolyn will invite Barbara Dupont

Coffee & Conversation; Political Action, Volunteering; To engage our workplace liaisons, To engage our students, etc.) (All)

- New U or W RNAO student rep is Alja Redzepi. Pat has invited her to the Nov 10 event
- Suggestion that we ask Jennifer Jones from Chamber of Commerce to speak about political action
- Possibly have Cathy Crowe come down to Windsor to do walk about on the street & then give a talk in the evening.
- Kelly is going to contact the workplace liaisons to try to engage them

- Should continue to lobby WRH to have payroll deductions for RNAO memberships

#### Brainstorming content for our next Newsletter (All)

- Survey results
- Upcoming events
- Highlight new members
- Announcement re Carolyn being elected to council & Deb Bennett running for office
- HDGH nurses are able to have payroll deduction for RNAO membership
- Add that members can have RNAO fees deducted from accounts monthly by submitting a voided cheque or providing chequing details
- A comic

#### Windsor/Essex Chapter Budget & Finance Update (Jen c/o Veronika)

- Veronika, Jennifer & Pat will meet to put together a budget for the coming year
- There is approx \$4780 in our account

#### Report from the President's Assembly Meeting (Jen)

- RNAO really pushing to get 30,000 members
- Essex chapter would need to get about 96 new members
- Jen & Kelly spoke to almost 125 first year students at the U & got about 13 new members so far.

#### Website Update (Jen)

- Jen showed us a webpage that she has put together. It looks great & would cost the chapter about \$25 a month. We unanimously agreed that we would go with it.
- Jen will follow-up with Head Office IT to ensure it would be kosher to go ahead with a launch
- Suggestion that we have links to nursescape, medscape on it

#### Round Table

- Idea for resolution – to lobby RNAO to be more efficient in managing the education funding that they offer

Adjournment at 9:35