

RNAO Essex Chapter Executive Meeting Monday June 20, 2011

Location: Home of Veronika Pulley. A lovely dinner was served.

Present: Jennifer Johnston, Veronika Pulley, Lynda Monik, Pat Mckay

Regrets: Carolyn Davies, Kelly Mertens, Kim Della Bonna, Crystal Avolio

Budget Update: Veronika reported that there is \$6864.17 in our account.

She is up to date with bills that need to be paid.

The promotional mugs should be ready soon. Jennifer will pick them up.

RN Exam: Jennifer reported that much positive feedback was received from students, both verbally & through e-mails about members of the executive handing out granola bars after the RN exams.

Bursary Development: Lynda reported that there is a program in place now where the government will match any funds that an organization gives to an educational institution for bursaries. All were in agreement that it would be a good idea to pursue this. Jennifer will contact head office to see if they will match funds that we put towards this.

Fall Events

Politicians Breakfast: planned for Friday, September 16, 7:30 – 9:30 am

Veronika will talk again with the Other Place Catering to see if it is feasible to have it there. We hope to have at least 30 attendees. She will also check with Koolini's to see if they could accommodate us & what their cost is.

Jennifer will draft a letter to send to local politicians inviting them & will distribute for feedback. She will also contact John Fairley to see if he would be the moderator. Other suggestions were Susan Pedler from CBC & Jim Crichton from the A Channel. She has also offered to contact the RNAO Ottawa Chapter to get suggestions, as they have organized a similar event in the past.

Pat will contact the political action rep at RNAO head office to see if they have suggestions on how to proceed & to find out the candidates that are running in our area. There is a possibility that we might partner with Tau Upsilon on this event. Jennifer to contact current and incoming presidents.

Student Events: we will likely have an event for BScN students both at U of W & at St Clair College in the fall. The events this past year were well attended & we were able to get new student memberships from them.

Legal Issues Event: Lynda raised the idea of having another event in the fall so that we can make use of the \$1,000 that is available to each chapter to have an event related to legal issues. A possible guest speaker is Monica Staley, who is both an RN & a lawyer, & is currently the Patient Representative at WRH. Pat contacted her & she is fine with giving a presentation related to how nurses can avoid getting into difficulty. Veronika looked into when Auditorium A & B at WRH might be available on a Tuesday or Thursday in October. It is available Tuesday, Oct 18. Monica is okay with that date.

Patient Safety Conference: Jennifer will post the flyer for this inter-disciplinary

Conference on our chapter's website. It is taking place Saturday, Sept 24 at the University of Windsor.

Essex Chapter AGM: we will likely have this in November, since we already have events planned for both September & October.

Round Table: Pat brought up the issue of not having any articles in the Windsor Star Nursing week insert about nurses in the county. She had heard comments from a Leamington nurse that there were no articles about any county nurses. Both Lynda & Jennifer stated that our chapter has tried to have them involved, but have not been successful. Letters have been sent to Leamington hospital each year about it. We will try again next year to have an article in the insert about some nurses in the county.

Adjournment at 8:00 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday September 12th, 2011
Location: TBD

Scheduled RNAO Executive Meetings 2011

Monday January 10th Pat's House
Tuesday March 1st Crystal's House
Monday March 21st Mini Restaurant
April Meeting – Essex Golf & Country Club
Monday May 16th – Jen's House
Monday June 20th - Veronika's House
July – Summer Break
August – TBD
Monday September 12th
Monday October 17th
Monday November 21st
Monday December 12th