

## RNAO Windsor-Essex Chapter Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday Aug 20th, 2012 ~ 18:30-20:30

Location: Armando's in Tecumseh - 13039 Tecumseh Rd. East, Windsor

Meeting over Dinner

Attending: Cheryl, Lynda, Dana Boyd, Mercedes, Veronika, Kelly, Jennifer, Pat, Kim.

New student members: Alaina Delaney, Charlene McInnis, Amanda Levesque

Regrets: Crystal, Amanda

Introductions were done & all were welcomed.

Jennifer passed around the thank you letter from the Centres for Seniors acknowledging the gift basket that we donated for their pasta fundraiser in June. She reported that the event raised over \$7000 profit which will go towards buying a new van for providing accessible & affordable transportation for seniors in our community.

**Budget:** Veronika reported that we have \$2349.91 in our account. We still have not received the reimbursement for the Nurses' week events which included the cost of the "chocolate syringes" that we handed out the day of the CRNE exam in June.

Veronika gave an update in regards to her applying for funding from the Nursing Education Initiative. She stated that there has been quite a delay in her finding out whether she is approved for funding. She applied in early June & still had not heard by early August. When she contacted RNAO, she was told that approval was not guaranteed & that cheques were not given out until approval was given. She was also told that it may be March 31 of next year before she found out. She reminded the contact person from RNAO that a resolution was passed last year that nurses would get timely feedback (within 2 to 4 weeks) about whether they were approved for educational funding or not.

**Action Item:** our chapter will continue to advocate for timely feedback about funding from the Nursing Education Initiative.

Mercedes reported that we now have 30 "likes" on Facebook so we can now have more access to information about the people who visit the site. She suggested that we might have a "mug a month" campaign to encourage members to "like" us on Facebook.

Jennifer has been asked why we are not on "twitter". Discussion followed & the consensus was that "twitter" takes up a lot of time & we will not pursue it at this time.

Dana Boyd stated that she is now the Professional Practice Lead for the Windsor Essex County Health Unit. Part of her role is Nursing Leadership, which is why she is reaching out to us. She wanted to let us know that the Health Unit is opening up its doors to nurses in the community for professional development opportunities.

**Fall Event Planning:** Lynda reported that Barb Mildon, the current president of the Canadian Nurses Association & past president of the Community Health Nurses Initiatives Group, will be coming to Windsor on Sept 27 /28. Discussion followed

about what events might be planned during that time. A breakfast meeting on Sept 28 was suggested. It was also suggested that we might partner with Tau Upsilon.

**Action Item:** Lynda & Dana will follow up with the Tau Upsilon president Sandra Maxwell to see if Tau Upsilon is interested.

Lynda reported that Denise Koster has kept Thursday Dec 6 open to speak about the prevention of violence in the workplace. Cheryl (St Clair BScN student rep) is meeting with the faculty advisor for the Nursing Society at St Clair & will also meet with the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year coordinators regarding arranging an event to bring RPNs & BScNs together. It was also suggested that we reach out to RPNAO to see if they are interested in being part of this. The students suggested that the afternoon might be better for them & that we invite other student health care professional besides nurses.

**Action Item:** Cheryl will check to see if there is an RPNAO chapter in Chatham. There isn't one in Windsor. Lynda will check with St Clair College to see if there is a room available for the event.

Veronika will check with David Musyj & Karen McCulloch from WRH to see if they are interested in partnering with us on this event. Kelly will put together a flyer & will contact David McChesney from head office to see if there are any BPGs related to workplace violence.

Kim & Dana will represent our chapter at the RNAO assembly meeting in Toronto Sept 21 weekend. They will send us an e-mail prior to that to get any updates from us.

Our local AGM is tentatively planned for Wednesday Oct 17, depending on the venue chosen. It was suggested that we invite Kris Voycey, the current president of CNO. It was also suggested that perhaps Alaina & Amanda could speak about the experiences of those who are LGBT (Lesbians / Gays/ Bisexual /Transgendered) and how nurses can be more supportive. We also decided that we would extend the application date for the RNAO Nurse of Distinction award to Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Action item:** Kelly will update the flyer for this. Lynda will forward the meal rates for Essex Golf & country club to Kelly. Kelly will look into the rates for Season's Bistro, where it was held last year, & she will also check the rates for the City Grill downtown. Veronika suggested we look into the rates for the Other Place Catering on Walker Road. Jennifer asked that executive members submit a brief synopsis to her of what their role on the executive is, as well as indicating whether they would like to continue in their role or not. We will then look into what elections need to take place for this fall.

We are still planning for a workshop in the fall for both nurses & nursing students with a lawyer through RNAO Home Office funding. **Action item:** Veronika will contact Lee Minty from RNAO Home Office to see what can be worked out. Pat will assist with the planning for this.

**Round Table:** Alaina reported that she discovered there was little information on the experiences of LGBT persons during her BScN program so she did some research on this area & presented her information to 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. She & Amanda decided that they would walk in the Pride Parade as RN students. They carried the RNAO

Windsor-Essex Chapter Banner & received much positive feedback from people about their participation.

Veronika has again approached administration at WRH about payroll deduction for RNAO membership. She will set up a booth a couple afternoons in the fall to give out information about the benefits of RNAO membership.

Dana suggested a possible resolution for next year's AGM. In the United States, Gardasil is offered to both boys & girls. There is evidence to support that it may help to prevent some cancers in men later on in life. The Executive thought this was an excellent initiative worth exploring further.

Kelly showed us the new RNAO Windsor-Essex Business Cards that she facilitated having made up. The cards have our Chapter Logo, RNAO Home Office's website and our local chapter website addresses on them, along with the symbols for LinkedIn and Facebook. We anticipate that these cards will help us generate more awareness and interest in our social media forays. Kelly distributed some cards to everyone at the meeting.

Adjournment at 20:30

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 2012

Location: Taza Mediterranean Restaurant – 350 Cabana Road East.

#### Scheduled RNAO Executive Meetings 2012

Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> – Armando's on Cabana

Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> – Smoke & Spice 7470 Tecumseh Rd. East

Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> – Armando's on Cabana

Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> – Jen's House

Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> - Armando's on Cabana

Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> – Taza Mediterranean Restaurant – 350 Cabana Rd. E

July – Summer Break

Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> – Armando's in Tecumseh – 13039 Tecumseh Rd. East, Windsor

Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> - Taza Mediterranean Restaurant

Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> -

Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> -

Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> -