

**THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

COMMITTEE: Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Omega

DATE: 5/19/08

TIME: 6:25 pm TO 8:15 pm

Membership: Dina Dornack, Barb Brunt, Cheryl Buchanan, Joe Foley, Marlene Huff, Lori Kidd, Karen Mascolo, Peg DiMarco, Maryhelen Kreidler, Patrice McCarthy, Linda Shanks, Sandra Siedlecki (see sign in sheet for remaining members in attendance)

Excused:

Minutes:

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Dina Dornack called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm. Meeting held at Akron Children's Hospital as a general membership business meeting with educational program.	
Introductions	Dina Dornack introduced the current Board.	
Installation of New Board Members	<p>The following new Board members were installed:</p> <p>Barb Brunt-President Elect Paula Thrasher-2nd VP Patti Crawford-Treasurer (will install at later date) Carrie Scotto-Archivist Sandra Siedlecki-member of the Leadership Committee Cheryl Sadler – member of the Leadership Committee (will install at later date)</p> <p>New board members who were not present tonight, or came late, will be installed at the June 23rd meeting.</p>	
Awards		
a. Nurse Excellence Awards	<p>The following Nurse Excellence Awards were presented at various hospitals in the area during National Nurses Week. Dina Dornack provided Debra Wolff with her award at the meeting.</p> <p>Unhee Kim – CFGH Carrie Gavriloff – Akron Children's Hospital Monica Dever – Summa Akron City Hospital Anita Meehan - AGMC Debra Wolff-Robinson Memorial Hospital</p>	
b. Outstanding Chapter Contribution Awards	<p>The following Outstanding Chapter Contribution Awards were presented by Karen Mascolo:</p> <p>Barb Brunt – 2nd Vice President Dina Dornack - President</p>	

<p>Bylaw Approval</p>	<p>Changes to the bylaws were highlighted by Dina Dornack. Peg DiMarco motioned to accept the bylaws. Barb Brunt seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p>
<p>Chair Reports</p>	<p>Written reports were provided and will also be sent electronically. They will also be sent by regular mail for those without email addresses. Sandy Siedlecki (treasurer) provided an expense report reflecting the last two months as well as an annual report. The fiscal year ends in June therefore the annual report may change some. Our chapter has \$44,042.33.</p>	
<p>International Updates and 2007-2008 Chapter Highlights</p>	<p>A powerpoint presentation was given by Dina Dornack.</p> <p><u>International</u> 2008 Leadership Academy, September 25-27, 2008 in Indianapolis. A grant is available with a deadline of July 1st. President Huston’s Call to Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating and sharing knowledge • Being internationally global • Developing leadership skills • Providing service <p><u>Regional</u> Region 10 (Michigan, Ohio, Canada) Regional Conference, Spring 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research/Evidenced Based <p>2008 Showcase of Regional Excellence Regional Rwanda Initiative</p> <p><u>Chapter Highlights from 2007-2008</u> Chapter Key Award Fall Program 2007 Open-M Involvement Winter Combined Chapter Program Spring Induction 2008 Research Grants & Awards Student Involvement <i>Save the Date: Fall Program—October 9, 2008</i> <i>Save the Date: Research Grant Submissions—September 15, 2008</i></p>	
<p>Open Forum</p>	<p>A press release was in the Akron Beacon Journal with an ad to congratulate new inductees during National Nurses Week. Patrice McCarthy encouraged thought about using some of our resources internationally. Discussion</p>	

<p>Presentations</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>surrounding topic. Dina Dornack to discuss further with Board at the June transition meeting. Suggestion to form a task force to address the subject. Nichole Kin willing to participate with project. Aris Beoglos suggested using international members from our chapter to assess needs in their countries. Joan Baumgartner suggested sponsoring education of children from other countries to become a nurse.</p> <p>Carrie Majka presented <i>The Effect of Animal Therapy on Comfort and Pain Scores in Hospitalized Children</i>.</p> <p>Paula Thrasher and Stephanie Clubbs presented <i>The Impact of Educational Initiatives on the Performance Outcome of Newly Graduated RNs</i>.</p> <p>Kim Young presented <i>Using Evidence Based Practice to Improve Surgical Efficiencies</i>.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be June 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Linda Shanks</p>	
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