

**THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON  
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**COMMITTEE: Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Omega**

**DATE: 10/27/08**

**TIME: 5:05 pm TO 6:45 pm**

**Membership:** Dina Dornack, Barb Brunt, Cheryl Buchanan, Margie Ford, Maryhelen Kreidler, Cheryl Sadler, Linda Shanks, Carolyn Sutter, Paula Thrasher, Therese Dowd  
**GUESTS:** Megan Walsh, Michele Sogorean (Professional Role Dev. Students), Darleen Wredberg (member)

**Excused:** Peg DiMarco, Wanda Franklin, Lori Kidd, Sandy Siedlecki

**Minutes:**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call to Order</b>	Dina Dornack called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	
<b>Introductions</b>	Introductions were made to visiting guests listed above.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	The minutes from September 22, 2008 were reviewed and minor revisions were made. Carolyn Sutter moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Paula Thrasher seconded the motion.	Minutes were approved.
<b>Treasurer's report- P. DiMarco</b>	Peg DiMarco couldn't be here this evening. Dina mentioned she is concerned about the current status of our checking account. Peg had reported last time that our checking account balance was \$9764.41. The only activity was \$200 for Men in Nursing. Dina shared a list of estimated expenses that have occurred since the last meeting and upcoming expenses based on our budget. She is concerned that our balance may be down around \$4700. Sandy emailed her today to say there will be a direct deposit from International, but unsure of the amount deposited. Suggestion made to have the treasurer see when CDs have matured. We could cash one of them out if needed. Dina to ask Peg DiMarco to bring review of the budget and current status of the checking account to the next meeting to determine if cashing in a CD is necessary. Dina would also like to inventory the items we have for Ways and Means.	Dina will find out Direct Deposit amount from Sandy Siedlecki and Peg DiMarco.  Carolyn Sutter to inventory the Ways and Means items including cords for induction.  Include notification with induction information that items will be for sale at the 2009 ceremony.
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>		
<b>Mentorship/Intern Program – P. DiMarco/W. Franklin</b>	Wanda and Peg are not present. Wanda sent an email that she has information to share regarding her leadership extern experience with Zeta Phi.. There will be another mentorship opportunity after the January meeting.	
<b>Web Site Task Force – M. Cornell/L. Shanks</b>	Marcia and Margie suggested maintaining our own website separate from the College of Nursing. Based on information Marcia has seen we could have our own website for free or a minimal monthly charge. Some of the sites have advertisements attached that could be problematic for our users. The webmaster would be our administrative assistant. Dina requested Marcia and Margie gather additional information regarding websites to present at the next meeting. Dina felt it was important to still be linked to the University of Akron, College of Nursing website and also questioned whether or not a link is available on the International website. Suggestion to have a informatics grad student assist with the project.	Marcia and Margie to gather more information for the November meeting.

<p><b>Region 10 Research Conference Planning – D. Dornack</b></p>	<p>Information was received from Jane Evans (Zeta Theta Chapter) in Toledo regarding the Research Conference. The conference is slated for April 2010 with a possible location of Ann Arbor or Saginaw/Frankenmuth Michigan. The planning committee is requesting each chapter financially support the event with \$500. They are looking at a Friday or Saturday event. Handout regarding discussion at the Leadership Academy provided to those present. A teleconference is scheduled this Wednesday. Dina is unable to attend the teleconference. Marcia will join the planning committee and plans to attend the teleconference in Dina’s absence this Wednesday.</p>	
<p><b>Fall Program Summary – D. Dornack</b></p>	<p>Fall program was a huge success. Fifty one people attended. Expense report from the event will be reported on at the next meeting as we are waiting for registration monies from Akron Children’s, the dessert/beverage invoice, and the speaker invoice. Dina deposited \$13 from a Ways and Means purchase and \$385 from registrations. The silent auction for ACCESS raised \$200.</p>	
<p><b>Global Health Task Force Development – T. Dowd</b></p>	<p>Sebnam Cinar discussed the idea with her professor of a chapter in Turkey. They were not receptive to the idea. We could invite Sebnam to be an international member with this chapter. She would be inducted as an international member. It would be an introduction of Sigma Theta Tau to her area. We can absorb the cost of her first year of membership from our chapter. Therese will be visiting Turkey next year and can ask to talk to their Dean. T. Dowd move that we invite Sebnam Cinar to be inducted as an international member of our chapter as a Nurse Leader and that we cover the cost for her first year. M. Kreidler seconded the motion. She can do an international induction online if she wants.</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Darleen Wredberg has a contact in Sweden and she will get a feel for whether she would be receptive. Therese Dowd is checking with someone in Germany.</p> <p>T. Dowd will also check into the specifics of inducting an international member.</p>
<p><b>Leadership Academy – B. Brunt/C. Sadler/M. Cornell/P. Thrasher</b></p>	<p>Barb Brunt distributed a handout from Leadership Academy with ideas for assisting groups wanting to become a chapter, assisting established chapters, and assisting STTI to become a more global organization. Discussion occurred about ideas. Sebnam wants to work with Sandy Siedlecki at the CCF with research which would be a good contact to use for introducing Sigma Theta Tau to Turkey. Carolyn Sutter thought we should also invite a nurse from Germany or Sweden to be a Nurse Leader in Sigma Theta Tau. Maybe at some point one of them could present their research at Sigma Theta Tau International.</p> <p>A report was also provided to those present regarding their experience at Leadership Academy. This information will also be printed in the newsletter for the general membership.</p>	<p>Dina will send out email to membership to get info for Chapter Key Award.</p>
<p><b>Research Submission Updates – R. Beeson</b></p>	<p>Two abstracts were submitted and neither were accepted for support. An email will go out as a reminder for the next submission date.</p>	<p>Dina to send an email.</p>
<p><b>Chapter Key Award – D. Dornack/B. Brunt</b></p>	<p>Tabled discussion for next meeting.</p>	

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Position – D. Dornack</b></p>	<p>Darleen Wredberg has volunteered to be appointed to this position until the transition meeting in June 2009. Dina explained the responsibilities. There will be programs in February and in May. Many of the board members are approved planners for CE and will assist Darleen with the application process.</p>	
<p><b>Cameos of Caring Event Summary</b></p>	<p>Event went well. Cameo winners appreciated the gift provided to each of them from the chapter.</p>	
<p><b>Collegiate Nursing Club Meeting-- M. Kreidler/ W. Franklin</b></p>	<p>M. Kreidler and W. Franklin are still planning to attend the meeting on November 5, 2008.</p>	
<p><b>Student Information Session – C. Buchanan/ P. Thrasher</b></p>	<p>Wednesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm., room 306. All board members encouraged to attend.</p>	
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p>		
<p><b>Open-M Opportunities—</b></p>	<p>Dina asked if we would like to support the OPEN-M Adopt a Family Christmas Program again this year. Dina to get information from OPEN-M and provide at the November meeting. Dina will also contact OPEN-M regarding dates for hot lunch in 2009 and report back at the November meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Winter Program Planning--</b></p>	<p>Tabled discussion for the November meeting. Dina asked group to think about potential topics and speakers. Carolyn Sutter has graduate students who might be interested in doing posters. M. Kreidler suggested having Children’s present information about the Regional Burn Center. D. Wredberg suggested a Lottery Tree as a future fundraising idea.</p>	
<p><b>Monthly Responsibility Calendar/Checklist</b></p>	<p>On target.</p>	
<p><b>Strategic Plan</b></p>		
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>		
<p><b>a. News from International</b></p>	<p>Annual convention will be October 31-Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Abstracts are due Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. International Congress will be in Cancun.</p>	
<p><b>b. Newsletter</b></p>	<p>Submissions are past due to Marcia. Please submit ASAP.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next meeting will be November 17, 2008 at 5:00 pm.</p>	

	<p>Respectfully submitted, Linda Shanks</p>	
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