

Agenda & Minutes

RNAO Windsor/Essex Chapter Executive Meeting – April 10th, 2011

Present: Jennifer Johnston, Lynda Monik, Veronika Pulley, Kelly Mertens, Pat McKay
Regrets: Carolyn Davies, Crystal Avolio

Nursing Week Insert:

- Letters sent out by the Windsor Star to potential advertisers. Over 300 sent.
- Discussion re what story ideas would be pursued. The potential articles are:
 - Kim Watson & the Complementary therapies interest group
 - “Josie” who works at the jail or another nurse who works in corrections
 - 50th reunion for either Hotel Dieu, Metropolitan or Grace hospital
 - PERT program at WRH & contrast with CCOT program at HDGH
 - Kris Vocey – the new vice president of the College of Nurses
 - Kim McAlpine – Health Unit
 - Student at U of Windsor – Stanley Moll who worked in Africa last summer
 - Need a RPN – Crystal to check to see if there is someone who could be profiled
 - Update re new grad initiative
 - Foot care nurse – Jackie McIntyre
 - Jennifer Johnston – Falls prevention coordinator

Different members were to follow up with potential nurses to be profiled & to get back to Lynda Monik by Thursday April 14.

Action Items from Last Meeting

- Veronika stated that we still need to send 1/2 the honorarium cost for P Sealy to Tau Upsilon for the Mar 7th event. That has now been done.
- Also need to reimburse Carolyn Davies for Cathy Crowe’s stay at Carolyn’s bed & breakfast. This has been done.

Budget: Veronika stated that there is approximately \$5562 in the account. She has put in a request for regional development funds for our nursing week events, ie the nursing week insert in the Windsor Star, the Lois Fairley award costs, promotional mugs (see below). It is for approximately \$1000. It was decided that we will put in our own Essex chapter ad for the nursing week insert. It will be for the least expensive one - \$310.28 plus HST.

March 30th Policy & Political Action Dinner – 27 people attended. Crystal Avolio presented good information about the importance of political action. There was much discussion & different scenarios were presented to allow for interchange with the attendees. Crystal & Jennifer felt that there is still much more that could be presented / discussed & we will possibly have a “part 2” in the fall. It was held at “the other place catering centre”. The food & atmosphere were both very good, & we agreed that we would certainly use that facility again.

AGM – Veronika & Pat attended the AGM, as well as Jamie Crawley from the University of Windsor. The Essex chapter’s resolution passed which was “that RNAO head office will undertake a review of the RNAO’s internal processes to identify an efficient,

transparent process that provides a more timely response to nurses & employers & includes an evaluative component.”

Premier McGuinty spoke & announced that their government will introduce legislation that as of July 1st this year, NPs will be able to discharge patients & as of July 1st 2012, NPs will be able to admit patients.

April 18th Supporting Carolyn’ Moratorium on Nuclear Power:

- Jennifer will attend the council meeting in Amherstburg & make a brief presentation requesting a moratorium on any further nuclear power plants until more research is done. Other interested RNAO members are invited to attend and support.

Lois Fairley Award – many flyers have been distributed to hospitals, the health unit, Cancer Clinic, long-term & retirement facilities. Jennifer was interviewed by AM800 & there was an article in the Windsor Star April 5th asking for nominations from the public. Jen will contact Tony Doucette on the “early shift” at CBC re interview. Nominations are to be sent to Pat McKay, who will then “white out” identifying data & John (Lois’ son) & Jennifer & Lynda can choose the winner. The award will be given Tuesday May 10th at 10:00 at WRH.

RNAO Promotional Mugs - discussion re the cost of purchasing mugs with the RNAO logo on them which can be used as door prizes for events, or used to give out as a thank you for various reasons. Decision made to purchase the minimum of 72 mugs with coloured logo from Allegra printing. Jennifer will contact them for an updated quote with coloured printing. Veronika will add this cost to the regional development funding request. Jennifer had contacted RNAO head office & found out that they no longer supply promotional mugs.

Round Table:

- Discussion re possible “Meet the candidates” event prior to the provincial election.
- Tentative date set for Friday Sept 16 from approx. 7:30 – 9:00am at the Other Place Catering centre. Veronika has contacted Dee Dee & we have been pencilled in. Jennifer will contact head office to see if they know who is running in our ridings.
- Decision made that we will not pursue the Heart & Stroke Big Bike Event” this year as we have already planned a lot of events this year so far. We will keep this in mind for next year.

Outstanding Action items:

- Kelly put together a standardized checklist for when we attend speaking engagements.
- Lynda informed the group that the Lois Fairley nominee should be living; the family wants to be able to give the award to the nurse who is chosen.
- Pat will find out where the CRNE exam in Windsor will be taken on June 1st.

Action Items

Lynda:

- Lynda to follow-up with HDGH re: New Grad Initiatives Nurses, what are they doing now, possible interviewees for a Windsor Star Nursing article.
- Lynda to call the Health Unit to see if a Lactation Consultant or Midwife would be interested in giving an interview.
- Lynda to contact footcare nurse at Street Health re: possible interviewee
- Lynda to send Jen CNO nursing stats from last year.
- Lynda to send news release to Windsor Star for them to include an article on "RNAO wants exceptional nurses" re: "Lois Fairley Award".
- Lynda to tell the Windsor Star to send Veronika a bill for the small ad we want to buy as a Chapter.

Kelly:

- Kelly to follow-up with WRH re: New Grad Initiatives Nurses, what are they doing now, possible interviewees for a Windsor Star Nursing article.
- Kelly to forward names of current NP Students to Lynda
- Kelly to contact nurses in the community re: possible Woundcare interviewees
- Kelly to see if any WSIB nurses would be good candidates for interview
- Kelly to send Jen the names of all new members January - present to be included in the Chapter Newsletter.

Veronika:

- Veronika to contact Jackie MacIntyre Geriatric Footcare nurse re: possible interviewee (done)
- Veronika to send RNAO Head Office Regional Development Fund Form (done)
- Veronika to contact the Other Place Catering to see if they have availability for Sept 16 07:00-09:30am for Politicians Breakfast. (done)

Crystal:

- Crystal to see if there are any outstanding students at the College who are working to upgrade their education from unregulated/RPN to RN, for a possible Windsor Star article.
- Crystal to contact Jen to work on the Nuclear Power Political Action speech & details

Pat:

- Pat & Jen to write ad for W/E RNAO Chapter Windsor Star Ad
- Pat to write up Meeting Minutes (done)
- Pat to find out any information about Grace Hospital Alumni events
- Pat to contact Josie who is an RN that works in Corrections re: being interviewed
- Pat to send out notes to Lois Fairley nominees and nominators once the award has been given out.

Jennifer:

- Jen to follow up with Jacquie Stephens, Region 1 Rep (email sent April 10th-Jacquie replied today that she will attend our next Executive Meeting)
- Jen to contact Leamington Hospital to personally invite the hospital to be involved in the Windsor Star Nursing Insert and ask for Story Ideas. (done)
- Jen to contact Ron Foster at the WRH Foundations Office to see if he has contacts with WRH & IODE Alumni for possible Nsg insert article on nsg through time. (done)
- Jen & Pat to write ad for W/E RNAO Chapter Windsor Star Ad.
- Jen to email Chapter Membership about supporting the Moritorium on Nuclear Energy.
- Jen to follow-up with Allegra Printing to get an update quote for Mugs. (done)
- Jen to email Head Office to see if they know which Local Politicians are running in upcoming elections. (done)
- Jen to contact CBC and try to get on Early Shift re: Lois Fairley
- Jen to send Veronika Neil's email address so she can follow-up with him about the discounted student memberships ("Neil Halper"nhalper@rnao.org) (done)
- Jen to invite Doris to our Politicians Breakfast tentative date: Friday Sep 16th, 2011 at the Other Place Catering.
- Jennifer to complete draft of April Newsletter and send out to Executive for Review.

Adjournment at 1:30 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday May 16th, 2011

Location: TBD

Scheduled RNAO Executive Meetings 2011

3rd Monday Evening of Every Month - Locations TBD prior to Meetings

Monday January 10th Pat's House

Tuesday March 1st Crystal's House

Monday March 21st Mini Restaurant

Sunday, April 10th Essex Golf & Country club

Monday May 16th location TBD

Monday June 20th

July – Summer Break

August – Summer Break

Monday September 19th

Monday October 17th

Monday November 21st

Monday December 12th (we kept this as the second week of Dec, due to the Holidays)