

Agenda & Minutes

RNAO Windsor/Essex Chapter Executive Meeting – May 16, 2011

18:30-20:30

Location:

Home of Jennifer Johnston

Present: Jennifer, Jacquie Stephens (Region 1 representative), Pat McKay, Carolyn Davies
Regrets: Lynda Monik, Kelly Mertens, Veronika Pulley

Update from the Board: Jacquie Stephens told us that there was a lot of discussion at the last board meeting about the purchase of the land & building on Pearl St. They are trying to decide what to do with it. The building on the land is in disrepair, so likely it will be torn down. She also said that there is ongoing discussion about the issue of RPNs & their increasing presence in hospitals, & the resulting lay-offs of some RNs because of it. Jacquie also asked the committee to tell her about some of the big issues facing nurses in Windsor/Essex. Lack of fulltime jobs, increasing patient workloads, inequality between community pay/benefits versus hospital, and the privatizing of Green Energies such as Wind Turbines, were some issues raised.

Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Decisions – Jennifer & Kelly attended the Amherstburg town council meeting on April 18. They presented a speech to the council on the RNAO's stance on nuclear energy and decisions being made by the provincial government. They asked the town council to consider supporting a moratorium on nuclear energy decisions. Carolyn made the motion and the council passed it. Local radio stations such as AM800 and CBC interviewed Jennifer for the evening broadcasts. See the Chapter website under the Policy & Political Action Section for a copy of the speech that Jennifer gave. Lastly, at tonight's executive meeting, Carolyn brought an article about the event that was in the Rivertown Times, the local Amherstburg paper.

Lois A. Fairley Award – there were 11 nominations received. There were some from Hotel Dieu Grace as well as both campuses of WRH, as well as some from the community. There were also both RPNs & RNs nominated. Our own Veronika Pulley was one of the nominees. Congratulation Veronika!
John Fairley & Jennifer reviewed the nominees (with names & workplaces whited out). They chose Carole Gill, who has been the Pain & Symptom Management coordinator for Windsor /Essex County for 11 years. Carole was thrilled, as she had worked with Lois at Grace Hospital. The ceremony took place at WRH on May 10th. There was media coverage & announcements about it have been heard on CBC & AM 800. Letters were sent thanking all the nominators & to nominees letting them know that they were nominated.

Nursing Week Insert: the insert was published May 6th in the Windsor Star, again under the direction of Lynda Monik. This was the 7th insert to be published. It turned out very well & many compliments have been received about it. A copy of it was given to Jacquie Stephens. Lynda ordered flowers sent to the people at the Star who helped with it.

Budget Update: Veronika sent a budget update. The bank balance as of May 6th was \$6,696.42. A cheque for regional development funding was received for \$1465.00 from RNAO head office & it has been deposited.

There are still some outstanding invoices to come. Jennifer is still waiting for the proof for the mugs, but we will be ordering the coloured mugs to have for gifts, etc for upcoming events.

One question is whether we are firm on the political action breakfast in September at the Other Place Catering venue. We may need to give them a room deposit & let them know the number of possible attendees, & whether it will be feasible for them to bring their staff in for it.

Upcoming Events - RN Exam

The CRNE exam will take place on Wednesday, June 1st in the Collavino Hall at the WFCU Centre at 8787 McHugh St from 8:30 – 12:30. Pat is trying to find out the number of graduates who will be writing it. We will likely hand out granola bars with a little message welcoming the graduates to the nursing profession. Jennifer will determine what the message will be that we will attach to the bars. So far, Jennifer & Pat are able to be there. More volunteers are welcome. We expect to be there from 11:00-12:30.

Adjournment at 20:30

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday June 20th, 2011

Scheduled RNAO Executive Meetings 2011

3rd Monday Evening of Every Month -18:30-20:30 - Locations TBD prior to Meetings

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 - TBD

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)