

Sigma Theta Tau  
Pi Mu Chapter at Large Chapter Meeting  
September 10, 2009

**Attendance:** Linda Hulton, Donna Trimm, Monty Gross, Tammy Kiser, Arlene Renalds, Karen Jagiello, Cindy Veenis, Jenny Viars, Carroll Ward, Susan Brooks, Kathy Floyd, Laura Yoder, Erika Metzler Sawin. **Students:** Amber Shawalter, Laura Cullen, Mary Shank, Steph Kanagy, Rachael Ropp, Libby Alctis, Michelle Yoder, Monah Steiner, Brooks, Floyd, Mandy Carpenter.

**6:00PM started with Tapas and Linda Hulton's home.**

**Linda Hulton called the meeting to order at 6:20.**

**Introductions were made.** Mandy Carpenter, a student at EMU is taking over for Heidi Hershberger, student leader, who is on a cross culture trip and will be back in the spring.

**Announcements:**

- STTI Biennial Conference: Oct. 30 – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>—Susan Brooks & Linda Hulton are delegates, Julie Pierantoni, Lora Yoder, will also attend. One of the activities they will do is a field trip to Indiana University to look at their sim lab. They will also find out if this chapter has won a Key Award.
- Our regional STTI has asked each chapter to commit \$250.00 as seed money to secure a speaker for the regional conference to be held April 16 & 17, 2010. The vote was tabled until the November meeting when we have an updated treasurer's report.
- The Pi Mu web site is updated each week to keep it current. The agendas and minutes are placed there for everyone to view.
- The calendar of events was missing February 18, 2010 induction. Linda Hulton will repost this to the web site.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

July 7 retreat Minutes was approved : These minutes can be found at [http://nursing.cisat.imu.edu/pi\\_mu/meetings.html](http://nursing.cisat.imu.edu/pi_mu/meetings.html)

**Eligibility Report:** Laura Yoder raised the issue regarding the term "basic program" (the word "basic" is used because some other countries don't have a BSN programs) the way it is written for our BSN programs. Clarification was needed regarding our eligibility terms. Should our bylaws state all students with a GPA of 3.5 could be admitted to STTI or remain as only 35% of class with a GPA above 3.5 is eligible for membership? After much discussion a new proposal was offered. It states as follows: 35% of the top students in the class with a GPA of 3.5 will be invited to join. The exception will be activated if there are students with a GPA of 3.5, but are below the 35% of the class. Those students will also be invited to join STTI.

Second issue was in the RN to BSN program. Do we want to use the student's cumulative GPA or only courses towards their BSN? The cumulative GPA stands. However, it was again suggested to use exception criteria for an exceptional student who doesn't meet the GPA criteria.

2<sup>nd</sup> proposal: Criteria for a Master's student is that the student must be 25% through the program for eligibility. Students are frequently invited to join, but for various reasons do not. The question was asked, how many times to invite students to membership. It was agreed to invite students as many times they remained eligible for membership.

Karen Jagiello read the recommended names from JMU for membership. Laura Yoder read the recommended names from EMU for membership. These names were voted by membership and accepted and an invitation will be sent to each. **All present at this meeting were reminded of the confidentiality of the discussion and the names presented.** Anyone needing to give additional information to the Eligibility Counselors was asked to do that confidentially before the invitations are sent. *(Note that this procedure was not the normative way of voting on membership, but was carried out in this manner due to proposed changes presented and the presence of student visitors).*

For the spring, each counselor member (Jagiello and Yoder) will need to state why a student is eligible if exception criteria is used for that student's invitation to membership

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Program committee report: For the induction ceremony on Oct 29, still need a speaker. Suggestions included the new nurse leader at AMC, Arlene Weins with a topic regarding healthcare reform, show case local nurses that are leadership active in the community or do another panel with those nurses receiving a reward in the spring induction. Another suggestion was inviting the founders of Pi Mu chapter to speak on Professional Development Day, April 13, 2010 and giving them a reward as part of the 10 year celebration.

The 10-year anniversary task force met this night for the first time. Carroll Ward suggested mementos such as a T-shirt, some type of glass with STTI symbol etched on it, a paperweight, be available for sale prior to the Professional Development Day. On that day to have some memento that everyone in attendance would receive. This committee may ask for \$ 300-350 for these items. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon is usually not offered to the students because of the expense. However, for the students a STTI cake and balloons for celebration. The student leaders will be asked for suggestions. Door prizes for students who attend will be obtained. Linda Hulton reminded everyone that whatever we put STTI emblem on must be approved by STTI with a completed form for their approval. Also, t-shirts could be marketed before the Professional Day. All these items can be obtained through the Pi Mu web site and anyone can order who has a credit card.

Student Leader Report: Jenny Viars reported on the social with ice cream that occurred at the beginning of the semester for JMU nursing students. At this social there was opportunity to learn about STTI and have questions answered. JMU and EMU students will be collecting hats, scarves, socks, used coats, and medium sized men's underwear with EMU for the HARTs drive. A second idea was to collect and sell costume jewelry on Professional Development Day. A third idea was to collect the food that students throw away at the end of the semester when students leave to go home. The cans of food could be taken to area food bank. Jenny Viars will call the apartments and obtain permission to do this if faculty will collect the boxes with the food.

Mandy Carpenter reported it is EMUs second week, so they will decide what they're going to do.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The legislative dinner is Wednesday, September 16. Meeting was adjourned at 0735. Next meeting November 12 at EMU, University Commons: Rooms 211/212 from 6Pm to 7:30PM—Theme: Celebrate Chocolate Night.

Submitted by Donna Trimm, President-Elect, Pi Mu at Large Chapter  
Substituting for Cindy Rubenstein, secretary.