



THE HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING
Sigma Theta Tau International
Theta Mu Chapter, LaRoche College

Board Meeting

Date and Location: Friday, January 11, 2008 at 6:00PM
Home of Eileen Ranalli

Present: Judy Henry, President; Maurita Wisniewski, Vice-president
Eileen Ranalli, Awards Co-chair and By-laws chair
Nancy Stoehr, Awards Co-chair
Hope Zepetto, guest

Absent:

Topic	Discussion	Conclusion
Call to Order	After a holiday dinner, Judy Henry called the meeting to order at 9:00PM There were no minutes from the previous meeting to review.	
Treasurer's report	Judy Henry reviewed the treasurer's report that was prepared by Barb Miller. A new check needs to be prepared for Debra Wolfe. Nancy Stoehr has not been reimbursed for paying Kessete's dues in June (international member from Eritrea). Judy asked that members download from the international web site the expense voucher and to mail the voucher with supporting documentation directly to her.	
Committee reports		
Research and Scholarship	Judy will verify if the students were notified of the annual scholarship (one undergraduate and one graduate) application process and due date. Nancy Stoehr personally notified undergraduate student Cathy	

	Franz in December, 2007 about the scholarship opportunity	
Leadership Succession	Judy Henry will ask Pam to check if Theta Mu can pursue an online ballot. This year, a new president-elect and vice-president will be selected	PENDING: Online ballot thru La Roche website
Governance	If Theta Mu desires to increase our dues, we need to notify headquarters by March 15, 2008.	PENDING: Decision re: membership fee increase
Communications	The web site has not been updated. Judy Henry will contact Terry Wentz to determine if she is interested in maintaining the web site	PENDING: Website
Induction	The students will be notified of the opportunity to apply for membership in Sigma Theta Tau. Hope (BSN 2007) discussed the process that was presented to students when she was a student. The date selected is Saturday, April 19, 2008. All were asked to offer names of potential speakers.	PENDING: Induction ceremony planning
Community Involvement	Several opportunities were discussed. Hope stated that many of the students are enrolled in the BSN program because it is required for their jobs. The majority of the BSN students are working fulltime and have family responsibilities. It may be a challenge to engage students in a community service project. Maurita will speak with Dr. Kathy Sullivan at the nursing school to discuss possible projects.	PENDING: Report of possible community projects
Mentoring	No Report	
CE (ad hoc)	The application to offer CEs at our program has been sent and there has been no response if the application was accepted. It is desired that Theta Mu be able to offer CEUs at the April program.	PENDING: CEU application
Fund-raising (Craft show)	There is no final report for the final profit from the Craft and Gift show on November 30, 2007 at La Roche that was a part of the La Roche College/UPMC-	PENDING: Craft show report

	<p>Passavant/North Hill Light-up night. Maurita and Hope will be co-chairs of the event December 5, 2008. It was suggested to continue to raffle gift baskets (made from a donated gift from each vendor) and perhaps an overnight at an area Bed and Breakfast. This will be discussed in more detail at a later date.</p>	
<p>Spring Program</p>	<p>Combined Theta Mu and La Roche College Division of Nursing Alumni and interested members of the community. The date for this combined program is Saturday, May 17th.and the rooms have been reserved. Time will probably be ~ *:30 or 9 AM with a coffee and bagel-type breakfast, program, lunch and additional program. Three potential speakers have been suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie Collavo-West Penn Hospital who was project director of the Magnet recognition program at West Penn. West Penn is the only Magnet hospital in the Pittsburgh area. • Dr. Ramsey from New York who speaks on the Magnet program • Mary Rita Hurley from STTI in Indianapolis who is a graduate of La Roche College and was very kind to Theta Mu at the Biennium in Baltimore. She has family in North Hills and offered to do a program at La Roche if the dates/times can be arranged in advance. Judy Henry reported that Mary Rita gave a presentation on Magnet Hospitals at Biennium. <p>It is unclear what level of financial assistance will be available from</p>	<p>PENDING: Program planning</p>

	Rose Wooley/ Alumni office at La Roche.	
New Business	Judy Henry would like to have a display case designed to display Theta Mu's awards (Key Award x 3, Chapter Innovation Award, the original charter, etc). There was discussion regarding where in the college it would best be displayed—where all students could see it and be inspired. Eileen Ranalli offered to be chair of this project. Her brother-in-law is a cabinetmaker and she will discuss options with him after discussing the placement of the cabinet with La Roche administration.	PENDING: Display case for Theta Mu
	All agreed the next board meetings will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 6 PM, department of nursing • Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6 PM, department of nursing. 	
Adjournment	With no other business to discuss, Maurita moved to adjourn the meeting. Eileen Ranalli seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM	

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stoehr for Pam Chapman