

Gamma Omicron Chapter at Large Sigma Theta Tau Presiding: Tanya Lott, President Date: April 14, 2009 Meeting Place: Fairfield Park, West Ashley Recording, Jackie Romano-Dee, MSN, RN Quorum Established: Yes	Meeting Time: 6:00PM Called to Order Adjournment: 7:00 PM Attendance: Jackie Romano-Dee, Linda Warren, Jennifer Shearer, Yvonne Martin, Wendy Young, Bonnie Foulois, Tanya Lott, Kris Douglass, Nancy Finch
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Agenda/Topic	Discussion	Recommendations/Follow-up
Welcome/Announcements	Tanya welcomed members and attendees.	Closed
Minutes approval	March minutes reviewed and approved.	Closed
Treasurer's Report	Bonnie announced that we have \$9, 625.06 in our Business Economy Account.	Closed
Old Business	<p>a. Award plaques updated-Ramona Smith is going to be updating the plaques.</p> <p>b. New Member/Membership drop-ins Report: Yvonne reported that 14 of our MUSC new members attended the MUSC drop-in and that 8 new members attended the CSU drop-in. She explained that the informal format at lunch time worked well. Each board member introduced themselves and members found this interesting. Some new members were interested in Biennium and the Leadership Intern Program. Yvonne mentioned something that could be done better next time would be to give Bonnie more help!</p> <p>c. Brickpaver at International: The group voted "YES" to donating \$500 toward the Nursing Brickpaver Campaign for Nursing Excellence. The money will be taken out of the chapter's Renewal fund. Participating in this will count as one point toward the Chapter Key Award.</p>	
New Business	<p>a 09-11 BOD Ballot approval and Election Process-Kris Douglass: Ballot was originally approved during the meeting as is. A revised ballot was approved the following day by email vote. See below:</p>	

REVISED BALLOT:

Vice President, MUSC representative: (one-year term)

Dan Gracie, BSN, RNIII
RN Lead Applications Specialist, Nursing Informatics
Department, MUSC

Vice President, CSU representative:

Abby Kaniaris, BSN, RN
MUSC Children's Hospital
CSU graduate

Faculty Counselor, CSU representative:

Cindy Dyson, MSN, RN BC, CNE
Assistant Professor of Nursing, CSU

Treasurer:

Bonnie Foulois, MSN, RN
Manager, Nursing Informatics Department, MUSC

Secretary:

Yvonne Martin, MSN, RN
Nursing Outreach and Retention Coordinator, MUSC

Governance Committee member:

Susan Hamner, MSN, RN
Staff Development and Education Specialist,
Ambulatory Care, MUSC

Leadership Succession Committee member:

Lana Beckley, RN, BSPT (Will graduate 5/09 with MSN)

Clinical Equipment Specialist, MUSC

b. Research Awards for 09-Nancy Finch:

Nancy received 2 proposals for research awards. She recommends funding for both. Karen Stanley leads the first study whose purpose is to develop a tool to measure lateral violence in nursing. The second study, led by Pat Cathcart, focuses on the facilitators and barriers to using research in community hospitals. Funding is already approved for these. Pat Cathcart and the Roper Hospital Research Council will be the recipients of the New Investigator Award and Karen Stanley will be the recipient of the Research Grant.

c. May Annual Membership Meeting-Jennifer Shearer:

Meeting will be held May 12th at 6pm at Water's Edge. Deadline for attending the meeting/dinner is one week prior to the event.

d. 09-11 Leadership Intern Selection-Tanya Lott: Tanya received one application from Julie Collins, an RN-BSN student inducted this past November. She is a Clinical Nurse Manager at St. Francis. She would be an Intern for two years and would attend the Chapter Leader Academy in 2010. The Board voted "YES" to sponsoring Julie as our new Leadership Intern.

e. Member to Biennial Convention Selection-Tanya Lott:

Tanya and Ramona are currently delegates, but we will need to vote on two more. Tanya received one request and Yvonne received two. Maisie Hudson and Zerlinna Shannon are two MUSC BSN students interested in attending. Susan Hamner, Staff Development and Education Specialist for Ambulatory Care at MUSC, is also interested in attending.

Tanya will announce the attendee at the May 12th meeting. She will ask Nancy Duffy for more information about the two MUSC BSN students and will let the group know. Board members will be able to vote via e-mail in the next couple of weeks.

f. Review of 08-09 Goals:

1) What we have done:

- Maintained our Leadership Intern Program
- Financially supported members to Chapter Leader Academy
- Gave academic awards in the fall and took over funding for the Marian Larissey Award
- Are giving away two Research Awards this year
- Collaborated with other chapters
- Donated \$500 to the Jean Watson Caritas Consortium
- Held a 30th Anniversary Celebration
- Held scholarly functions
- Are participating in the March of Dimes Walk (Service goal met)
- Jennifer Shearer is going overseas in May to donate textbooks to a college of nursing
- Formed a relationship with an international individual (Ping from China)
- Started a mentoring program
- Are donating for Brickpaver at International

2) What we still need to do:

- Continue working on the Chapter Key Award
- Support a new chapter
- Feature another international research article
- Increase community awareness
- Need five VIP profiles completed

Reminders	*April 25 th Walk for Babies *April 20 th Jean Watson presentation	
Next Meeting	May 12 th , 6pm, Water's Edge	