

IAFN minutes from the meeting on May 4th, 2015

Old business: updates from Linda. We updated all of the bank accounts with the prospective signers on the accounts. Linda sent in all of the 2015 IAFN information on the banking.

Ellen has signed the bank card. Dreama now wants us to obtain a banking sign card and Linda is working on that.

Linda has made an expense reimbursement form as a way of keeping track for accounting.

Regarding the conference, Linda announced that between checks, cash and PayPal and 250 dollars that we are waiting for from White Bear police; the total is 6,819.32 before expenses for the conference. Some expenses have been paid out already. We have not paid the BCA yet or the CLE's. There were 142 people that showed. 5 people paid and were no shows. 3 No shows that did not pay. The amount owed to the BCA is 4,400 dollars.

Ideas for the next conference: It would have been nice to have handouts for each speaker. Ellen Johnson suggested that next time we explain to the speakers why we have a need for bullet points for participants to take with them. Kristi suggested that she would like to have notepads and pens for participants. Barb Kern-Pieh suggested that next time we use Event Brite.

Linda Walther brings up discussion if we should do this again next year. Ellen Johnson will place it on the agenda for the education committee to discuss.

Comments that Linda heard about the conference was that several advocate mentioned that there was not much for advocates. About 25 people at the conference work in advocacy. Linda suggested that perhaps we have some sort of collaboration with advocacy.

Barb Kern-Pieh discussed that 15 people came for the reception and that they were really pleased with the reception.

Membership: Linda Walther reports that she will not be able to keep up with membership and also keep up with the website also. It is challenging to figure out how the IAFN keeps track of the national vs. local memberships. When the chapter is paid directly the IAFN has to be emailed to notify them so they can keep up on their records.

Linda is going to gather more information regarding membership and then at the next board meeting Linda will make a recommendation.

New Business:

Chip- There is not much going on in the current legislative session. Representative Schoen is interested in taking on standardizing payment issues regarding sexual assault and domestic violence payment issues. Sexual assault and domestic violence patients should not be required to pay anything. There should be a fund through the Minnesota department of safety. The way that it would be funded is that for every person who is insured the insurance company would pay a ten dollar fee that would go into a fund. Victims would not be required to report in order to have access to these funds.

Linda- website has been updated with Beck and Angela's picture. Ellen would like the website to be updated with all of the future meetings. The next board meeting is Tuesday July 7th at 5 p.m. The next education meeting is June 1st from 4-6 p.m. in the Edie Ales room at Regions. Education meeting on August 3rd from 4-6 p.m. Board meeting in the Lindell room, scheduled November 12th 6-7:30 food and education and 7:30 to 8:30 introduce the new candidates. There is an education committee meeting on December 14th from 4-6 p.m.

Angela made a motion to table setting a date for the September board meeting until Ellen gets more information about the Wisconsin conference and Linda seconded the motion.

Linda made a motion to table discussing a scholarship fund being set up until Paula Johns can present the idea. Angela seconded the motion.

Ellen Johnson presents on discussing mentorship within the Chapter. The goal of the project with establishing a mission and a vision statement is to give us some more direction in the Chapter. We would like to develop a statement that states our goals and our practice.

We discussed example mission statements. One suggestion is: Beck Borrud: Strive to develop and promote excellence in Forensic nursing through education and collaborative partnerships. Ellen Johnson: To advance our Forensic Nursing practice through member connections and education opportunities.

The group decided to eliminate the word Strive. Suggested Mission statement: The mission of the Minnesota IAFN is to develop and promote excellence in forensic nursing through education and collaborative partnerships.

Ellen Johnson- a vision statement should be, clear and inspirational, long term change, resulting from our work. Words we thought of for our vision are as follows: improve care and long term outcomes for victims of violence, positive outcomes, mentoring future leaders of forensic nursing, increasing knowledge of effects of violence on health and wellness, and leader in advancing practice.

Angela motions that we adjourn the meeting and Linda seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned.