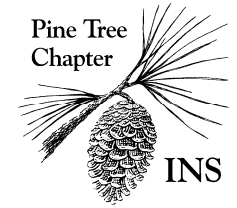




Pine Tree Chapter

Meeting Minutes



Date: 9/20/2011

Time: 6 PM

Location: Dean 2; MGMC; Thayer Campus; Waterville, ME

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Secretary's Report		
1. Approval of minutes	No Minutes available at this time.	
Treasurer's Report		
1. Business Checking Account	\$5755.10	\$433.84 paid out to "godaddy.com" to renew domain name and website.
2. Business Savings Account	\$500.20	
Committee Reports		
Website Management	Web Manager, C ² Web Design (Charlotte Cole) is doing a great job keeping the website attractive and informative.	

Spring Seminar	<p>The Seminar on 4/12/2011 was the best turnout we have had in years! We were able to re-build our very low coffers.</p> <p>No planning has started for a Seminar in 2012. Membership and Chapter involvement have taken a front seat to it, at this time.</p>	
COMNO	<p>The organization is at a very low point and is considering disbanding, due to lack of involvement. The group has decided to do one, last, national recruitment blitz before throwing in the towel.</p> <p>Our own Gwen Cole recently was elevated to the COMNO Presidency.</p>	Gwen will take care of this project over the fall season.
Programs/Education	<p>We do not have a designated “Program Planner” at the present time. The President continues to do her best to find interesting topics.</p> <p>Tonight, the President gave the group the same presentation that she gave at the INS Annual Convention in Louisville, KY, last May: “Uses, Indications, and Complications of Midlines”.</p>	<p>A presentation on Dialysis and related issues was requested for the next meeting.</p> <p>Delia Manson and Gwen will work on finding a suitable speaker on the topic.</p>
Membership	We have 23 paid members for the calendar year, 2011. However, we have seen very low member involvement.	Membership Renewal notices will be going out in November for the calendar year, 2012.

	We are behind in our Chapter elections and at the present time, Gwen Cole is holding all five Offices.	
Scholarship	We were unable to present Scholarships this past year (2010-2011) because they are dependent on “Meeting Attendance”. So many Meetings had to be cancelled due to lack of anticipated attendance that we did not meet the Scholarship quota. It was determined that this is unfair to the few who are working so hard to keep us afloat.	It was decided that Meetings will no longer be cancelled for this reason. Then, those who do attend may apply for Scholarships. Speakers however, will be cancelled as a courtesy to them. Business Meetings only, will be held. All Meetings that are postponed due to in-climate weather will be re-scheduled.
Old Business		
1. The future of the Pine Tree Chapter of INS	Discussion took place to identify the issues facing the PTC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Coverage area is too large, being the entire State of Maine ◆ There remains only 1 (one) IV/Infusion Teams in Maine. We must draw members from nurses who practice 	It was decided that we would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Try once more to plan a Meeting (December 6, 2011) with a topic of interest to those

	<p>Infusion Therapy as only a <i>part of</i> their large job descriptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The “mean age” of our group is near 60 and we are headed into retirement ◆ We have very few “next generation” nurses in the group to pick up the reins and move the Chapter forward. 	<p>present at this Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Send out Renewal Forms in November, as usual. ◆ Contact Sue McLeod about having a booth at the next MaineGeneral Medical Center Skills Fair ◆ Possibly try an “on-line” Meeting. ◆ Not to cancel Meetings for lack of attendance ◆ To proceed with plans to celebrate IV Nurses Day , in January ◆ To re-evaluate the Chapter’s future at the 3/20/2012 Meeting
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Networking Session	<p>A few topics that were discussed are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Midlines vs. PICCs ◆ Promethazine (Phenergan) being delivered IV, “peripherally”. The manufacturer is discouraging this practice ◆ Recruiting new members 	
Adjournment	We adjourned at 8:30 PM.	

Attach Attendance Sheet.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gwenith E. Cole, RN, CRNI

Date: 11/11/2011

NEXT MEETING: 12/6/2011

6 PM

MaineGeneral Medical Center; Seton Campus; 30 Chase Avenue; Waterville, ME

Lecture Hall “A”, in the basement; Follow Signs in the Front Lobby.

RSVP: to Gwen Cole by 12/5/2011 at gcole@ptcins.org