



NACN-USA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:30PM Eastern Time

MINUTES

January the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



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Roll Call:

Present: Voting Board Members: Patricia Sayers, Maria Arvonio, Anne Reeser, Bonnie Blachly, Susanne Staiano, Renee Frost, Kim Wohead, Sylvia Suarz-Ponce, Brian Schuster, Linda Lopp, Theresa Newlin, Zachary McAllister

Absent: Rosalinda Jimenez,

Quorum: 7 required, 12 present

Opening Prayer – Pat Sayers began the meeting at 7:38 PM EST with a Prayer in Honor of the Holy Name of Jesus followed by an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be

1) Approval of Minutes

November 16, 2023

Minutes submitted for review and approved

December 7, 2023

Minutes submitted for review and approved

Note: December 21, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting was postponed in response to member requests and quorum needs.

2) Treasurer's Report- Anne Reeser

A Treasurer's Report for December 2023 was submitted. Our actual balance as of 12/20/2023 is \$24,945.96.

A Treasurer's Report for January 11, 2024 was submitted. Our actual balance as of 1/11/24 is \$25,244.96

A Year End Treasurers Report from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 was submitted. Our actual end of year balance as of 12/31/23 was \$24,885.46.

Our expenses for 2023 were greater than our income. Dues were our primary source of funds. Pat Sayers stated our budget will be the major focus of our February 2024 meeting.

3) Regional Director Reports

Region 1 Director

A report has been submitted by the Region 1 Director.

Region 2 Director

A report has been submitted by the Region 2 Director.

Region 3 Director

Cynthia Thelan has resigned her position as the Region 3 Director. Zachary McAllister was sworn in by Patrica Sayers as the new Region 3 Director.

Region 4 Director

A report has been submitted from the Region 4 Director

Region 5 Director

A verbal report was given by the Region 5 Director. The director reports a member was interested in joining the Council of Catholic Nurses at Lake County. Another member was looking for a council in the Rockford, IL. The closest council is in the Archdiocese of Chicago which is too far to travel. Illinois is the only state in Region 5 with councils. The other five states do not have councils.

Region 9 Director

A verbal report was given by the Region 9 Director. The Director reports that her area is regrouping. The Director will be holding a Zoom meeting soon for the members in her area. This meeting is an information meeting to update members on the recent activities of NACN-USA.

4) Committee Reports

By Laws Committee

Motion by Maria Arvonio that we do not identify in the bylaws the number of regional districts so that we are not restricted in the future to fill the openings for the sake of filling them.

Second- Renee Frost

Adopted (11)

Motion to clarify the definition of ad hoc committees to clearly state they are determined by the President with board approval. Maria will omit Article 10, Section 4, B-ad hoc being sent to our members until our discussion in February.

Second- Kim Wohead

Adopted (9)

Motion by Maria Arvonio to approve to redefine that the point of contact person and the council lead facilitator may be the same person in accordance/discussion with the regional director

Second- Anne Reeser

Adopted (8)

Motion by Maria Arvonio that the council lead facilitator will serve as the liaison between anticipated local members, local parish clergy/pastor and their NACN Regional Director

Second- Anne Reeser

Adopted (8)

Motion by Maria Arvonio that the council lead facilitator/Nurse faculty will serve as the liaison between anticipated school of nursing council members, administrators/faculty for the school of nursing and the regional director. The council lead facilitator/nurse faculty can be the same person as the point of contact.

Second-Kim Wohead

Adopted (8)

Motion by Maria Arvonio that the school council will elect their own leadership from their council membership. However, the liaison between the council, the school of nursing and NACN-USA must be the nurse faculty designated by the Dean/Director of the School of Nursing.

Second- Linda Lopp

Adopted (10)

Communications Committee

Janet Munday, Kim Wohead and Pat Sayers are working together to get information on the website. Pat informed board members that our first Christmas card from the Vatican was sent to us through CICIAMS as a member of NACN-USA. A perpetual daily mass will be said for all NACN members as long as you remain a member. This was a gift from Pat Sayers.

Ethics Committee

Maria Arvonio reports that we have been invited to cosign documents that she will be sending out. One is a statement on brain death and organ donation. The document supports the position of not using irreversible brain death to declare an individual dead.

The second statement is concerning abortion. The documents address selling over the counter abortion medication and the other addresses abortion in the ER

Bonnie inquired if the ethics committee would be addressing the recent message from the Dicastery that a portion of human cremains can be removed from where they are kept. Maria will look into this and decide if this is something that we should address.

Oremus Ad Hoc Committee.

Renee Frost submitted a report for the ad hoc committee

Scholarship Committee

Katheryn Grauerholz has been invited to work with the schools regarding applications for the scholarship funds. Katheryn has been invited to attend our next meeting

Old Business

NACN-USA Membership Dues

Motion by Zachary Mc Allister to discuss the issue of annual dues

Second- Sylvia Suarez-Ponce

Pat Sayers reports that Valeria Kubanick is requesting approval of the date April 9, 2024 to hold the conference. It was recommended that Valeria be asked to submit an outline of their proposal and CVs for all of those who are speaking.

Motion by Maria Arvonio to approve the requested conference date of April 9th at St Joseph's Hospital.

Second- Brian Schuster

Adopted (10)

Closing Prayer:

Closing prayer of thanks by Patricia Sayers followed by an Our Father and Hail Mary.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 11:12 pm. The next regular board meeting will be held on February 8, 2024 at 7:30 PM ET

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Staiano, MSN, RN