



NACN-USA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2023 7:30PM Eastern
Time
MINUTES



November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86584643458?pwd=0PegjLnqNCFPpakZCE2Jhiub7mWbfc.1>

Roll Call:

Present: Voting Board Members: Patricia Sayers, Maria Arvonio, Anne Reeser, Bonnie Blachly, Sue Staiano, Cynthia Thelen, Renee Frost, Kim Wohead, Sylvia Suarz-Ponce,

Absent: Brian Schuster, Rosalinda Jimenez, Linda Lopp, Theresa Newlin

Quorum: 7 required, 9 present

Guests: Janet Munday

Opening Prayer – Pat Sayers began the meeting at 7:36 PM EST with a Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory followed by a Hail Mary and Glory Be

1) Approval of Minutes

October 19, 2023

Minutes submitted for review and approved

2) Treasurer's Report- Anne Reeser

A Treasurer's Report for November 2023 was submitted. Our actual balance as of 11/13/2023 is \$25,964.31.

3) Regional Director Reports

Region 1 Director

A report has been submitted by the Region 1 Director. The regional director gave a verbal report that the Fall River Council is no longer in existence. This council should be removed from our website. There are no current councils in Region 1.

Region 3 Director

A report has been submitted from the Region 3 Director

Region 5 Director

A verbal report was given by the Region 5 Director. The director will be arranging a meeting with the individual who is interested in starting a council in the Archdiocese of Chicago

Region 8 Director

A verbal report was given by the Region 8 Director. There was nothing to report this month.

Region 9 Director

A verbal report was given by the Region 9 Director. A member from Alaska held the first council information meeting with nurses from Alaska. The director is waiting for feedback from him

4) Committee Reports

By Laws Committee

The bylaws committee did not meet this month

Communications Committee

Janet Munday was sworn in as the chair of the NACN-USA Communication Committee. Welcome back Janet!

Ethics Committee

Maria reports NACN-USA recently cosigned a document that she did not have a chance to share with the board, but the ethics committee reviewed it. The federal government is attempting to identify a child considering transgender surgery as disabled and needing respect so we can help them have their surgery. NACN-USA does not consider this a disability. We do not agree with this position and are against supporting it. We signed on with the National Center for Bioethics and Catholic Medical Association. Maria will be sending the document to board members. The document should also be placed on our website.

Pat received information from Marie Hilliard informing her that the American Medical Association does not support physician assisted suicide. They have a statement that says physician assisted suicide is not healthcare. In a statement by the government, they are trying to change the term physician assisted suicide to protected death. The AMA does not want to change to protected death. The AMA's position is physician assisted suicide is unethical to perform in the United States, but not illegal.

Membership Committee

Pat Sayers reports she has been in touch with Suzanne Gullatto regarding the membership roster. Suzanne has a list of our membership from October 2022. Pat has attached the membership list from October 2022 to our agenda. This list includes email addresses, home addresses and telephone numbers of each member. This information can be used to compare regional membership from last year to our current membership. It may be helpful to identify members we may have lost.

Suzanne will attend the meeting in December to discuss what information regional directors would like to see on a report and how they would like the information reported.

Anne Reese inquired how often the list is updated. Pat said she shares a monthly report with the regional directors. Anne suggested that we consider having a list available in real time. Janet Munday responded that the information is available at the back end of our website in our data base. Suzanne can pull up a report at any time and provide the

requested information to the regional directors. Regional Directors are not able to view the data base at the back end. The data base which is used on our website is an excel spread sheet. When members pay their dues, they can update their information by themselves. Janet explained that when you use an advanced excel spreadsheet you can adjust the columns to what you want.

Pat Sayers was asked to follow up with DiAnn Ecret on presenting the program Caring Corrupted at Ava Maria. DiAnn informed Pat she would like to get the school councils going first before bringing up this program with faculty. Once the school councils are running, DiAnn will discuss the program with the faculty.

The Caring Corrupted program was originally done through CICIAMS. Maria Arvonio asked for clarification about when a school asks for the program, will the program be offered by NACN-USA without ties to any other organization. Pat Sayers responded that when we get to the next step, we can see how we want to do it. Maria again voiced she does not want it tied to anything else

Oremus Ad Hoc Committee

Renee Frost reports the committee has been putting together prayer resources including a prayer guide. When complete, the information will be put on our website.

Scholarship Committee

Pat Sayers reports that by December, a notice will be put together to share with the ten schools that are working with us. This notice will inform them of when our scholarship applications will open and close.

Old Business

Eucharistic Congress Update

Kathy Mulholland has donated \$3,000 toward a table at the Eucharistic Congress and Patricia Baylog has donated \$1,000 toward a table. An anonymous donor gave \$100. A balance of \$400 remains. At this time, NACN-USA will definitely have a booth at the Congress. We are currently waiting for our contract from the Eucharistic Congress.

Anne Reeser has paid the deposit for Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. The cost will be \$96.00 a night for those looking to stay in a room. If staying in a double room, the room will still be \$96.00 per person.

Jamie Shepard has asked that anyone interested in going, please call him Thursday through Sunday after 3:30 EST or text him anytime. We have four members going to the Congress. Three single rooms and 2 double rooms have already been reserved.

African Regional Congress

Discussion deferred until our December meeting. During that time, we will identify any board members who may want to attend. Pat Sayers suggests that if you are interested, you should begin to apply for your passport now.

NACN-USA 115th Anniversary Celebration – The flyer has been approved and has been sent to the schools who have attended the Nov 15 and 16th school zooms.

Corresponding Secretary

The position is currently vacant. Deb Kelsey-Davis may be interested in returning to the position. Pat will be speaking with her tomorrow.

School Zooms

NACN-USA reached out to 10 schools inviting them to participate in an informational zoom session about NACN-USA and the development of councils within the schools of nursing. There were nine who registered. The first zoom was November 15th. Six schools attended the first day. The second meeting was November 16th. There were no schools that attended. Belmont Abby missed the November 16th meeting, but contacted Pat to let her know they would like to attend a future meeting.

Thank You Maria for putting the zooms together!

Franciscan University asked if we could do a zoom for faculty and students. Pat would like to put this zoom together with several dates as options so this can be a group watch. Pat has attached the zoom slides to our agenda this evening. Maria suggested incorporating some of the young members of our organization to be part of zoom.

Motion by Maria that we have a zoom event in schools for both the faculty and students that is based on developing councils within the schools of nursing. It will be a half hour program showing slides and telling them what is involved. Our young members will be invited to be part of the zoom.

Second-Bonnie Blachly

Adopted (9)

Fund Raiser

The Rada fund raiser has currently raised \$132.73.

Motion by Maria Arvonio to further discuss the fund-raising issue.

Second- Kim Wohead

The discussion on fund raising included our process for fundraising, prioritization of information posted on our website, and the process for using Mailchimp.

The plan for follow up includes: a) identify the priorities for our website, b) develop a process to make posting requests to our website, and c) identify an individual who will oversee the information sent out on Mailchimp

The working group to address this plan will be Pat Sayers, Maria Arvonio, Janet Munday and Kim Wohead. The group will report their recommendation at our next meeting. If anyone else is interested in working on this plan, please contact Pat Sayers

Other Discussion

Kim Wohead reports that the National Nursing Advocacy Alliance should be donating approximately \$530 to NACN-USA

Maria asked if our website automatically generates a thank you to those who are giving a donation to the organization. Janet reports that a thank you is generated.

Pat requests a thank you mass card be sent to Kim Wohead, Kathy Mulholland and Patty Baylog for their donations.

Pat Sayers would like us to have business cards for board members for 2024.

Pat Sayers will be sending out an annual historical review of the year from the President to NACN members. This historical review should be placed on our website.

Closing Prayer:

Closing prayer was a Hail Mary said by Patricia Sayers

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:12 pm. The next regular board meeting will be held on December 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM ET

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Staiano, MSN, RN