

**CMMC College of Nursing Alumni Association
CMGH/CMMC/MCHP
Annual Meeting Friday January 15, 2016**

The first meeting of 2016 began with a busy agenda and a great attendance of 24 members. Welcome all new members. Our meeting was called to order by Cheryl Turcotte, Co-President.

Reading of Minutes: The December 1st 2015 Minutes (handout) was provided and corrections made. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Susan Baltrus; seconded by Sally Bates and passed unanimously.

The Financial Report was also provided (handouts) by Shirley Quinlan with explanations of accounts. An additional report will be provided at our next meeting concerning the recently donated funds placements. \$6000.00 was withdrawn from the investment funds for scholarships. Checks will be mailed to the students soon. A motion to accept the report was made by Ruth Estes; seconded by Donna Morin and passed unanimously.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee: No report needed as 2016 slate of officers was presented in December.

Scholarship Committee: Donna Morin reported that \$7000.00 was awarded to 7 students in the amount of \$1000.00 each. There is an extra \$2000.00 available that will be used as Scholarships or Grants. (There will be no further loans.) A request was made by Donna, on behalf of the Scholarship Committee, to have the protocol changed to read: "All Scholarships / Grants will be dispersed at the discretion of this committee". A motion was made by Ruth Estes to accept this change, seconded by Marge Hansen and passed by unanimous vote.

Remembrance Committee: Jean Pulkkinen has been very busy sending cards to our ill members and sympathy cards to several members or their families. Special thoughts need to continue for Dorothy Gardner, Polly Bussiere & Pam Sirois.

Newsletter Committee: The hospital mail room has notified us that they will no longer be able to process our mail. The committee will decide how to proceed. Beverly Peterson reports they are happy with the new printers from Lisbon Falls.

Membership Committee: Anita Taylor reported that Polly Bussiere has resigned as chairperson. This position is open as well as other committee members needed.

Historical Committee: A Chairperson is needed to lead this committee.

Reports of Special Committees:

Protocol Committee: A meeting date will be determined to review the protocols and

make any revisions and eliminations needed.

Social Media Committee: A meeting was held just prior to this meeting. Darlene Ryder has shown committee members a new report for the Web Site & Facebook. Darlene and several members have had some great suggestions for historical stories from graduates of this school. The Class of '69 has a Blog. Other ideas are welcomed.

A 125th Reunion Meeting was held on January 8th. Sue Hiscock has requested an intern from Bates & Kaplan College to assist in various aspects of the plans.

Tentative 125th Agenda: The Hospital has huge amounts of photographs available for a slide show. Susan Baltrus with helpers – Cheryl, Beverly, Gloria, Ruth, Patti, Shirley Q, Shirley H and Winnie will review and organize the photos. Randy will need this completed by the end of March. Susan will contact her helpers with a meeting date & members for potential data. The Hospital has a spot every other week on “Talk/Call In”. This and other ideas for publicity were discussed. Bill Green from WCSH6 TV recently had a feature on “the history of Nursing in Maine”. Dr. Carol Fackler plans to contact him to see if it can be featured again.

Tentative 125th Agenda: April 28-30th.

The speaker will be Donna DeBlois, CEO of Southern Maine Home Health Agency & Project Manager. She will discuss the future of Nursing and how to better prepare our Nurses.

Betsy Crowell, Comedian, will also present.

Cheryl Turcotte, Co-President commended the committee members, and particularly Chairpersons Bonnie Colby and Sue Hiscock for all their tremendous completed work to date.

The Alumni is responsible for the set-up of a room concerning “Nursing in the Past”. Shirley Quinlan will borrow manikins from Drapeaus. A suggestion was submitted to contact class representatives or presidents for photos and class members’ addresses. Students may be asked to assist in tours. It was suggested that they be paired with an Alumni member.

Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business.

Communications: Shirley Quinlan reported several donations in honor of Jane Barron. Thank You Cards were mailed as well as her daughter and family notified about the donations. Dot Crowley Noel wrote a Thank You letter to Donna L Belanger's sister notifying her that the alumni had received and appreciated Donna’s generous remembrance to us in her will. Shirley Quinlan is acting as Corresponding Secretary in Dorothy Gardner’s absence. Thank You for a great job Shirley!

New Business:

Treasurer's Annual Report: Several handouts were provided and reviewed with treasurer, Shirley Quinlan. A motion to accept the report was made by Anita Taylor, seconded by Ruth Estes and passed unanimously. Dorothy Crowley Noel reported that the Executive

Committee will also carefully review the report with Shirley at its upcoming meeting. An IRS tax report must be completed prior to May 15th, but will try for March this year,

Other Business:

Katie Blais, senior Class President has requested a meeting with Alumni on a Friday to discuss Graduation needs and preferences. A potential meeting may occur on 1/29 or 2/12 @ 12noon followed by an Executive Committee Meeting.

Name Change: In our November newsletter we notified our membership that we would be changing the name of our association and asked for suggestions by December 31st. We announced the name we were considering. There were no suggestions from the membership including those present at our annual meeting. Our Constitution/ Bylaws state: An amendment may be made without previous notice at an Annual Meeting by a unanimous vote of all members present and the change can occur immediately. If not unanimous, then the proposed change needs to be submitted to members with a two week notice before a vote. This would mean we would vote at our meeting in September following the notice to all members in our July newsletter. It may then pass with a 2/3 vote of all members present.

The new Name offered is: Alumni Association – School of Nursing
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A motion to accept this name change was made by Gloria Hall, seconded by Shirley Quinlan, and passed unanimously.

Suggestions for a Logo was discussed. Several options were discussed. Beverly Peterson's grand-daughter continues to work on it. To be continued.

Election of Officers for 2016

A Slate of Officers was presented in the prior meeting minutes. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to accept was made by Beverly Peterson, seconded by Pat Garrity & passed unanimously.

Slate of Officers are:

President: Cheryl Turcotte

Co Vice Presidents: Patricia Dyer and Dorothy Crowley Noel

Treasurer: Shirley Quinlan

Recording Secretary: Sally Bates

Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Gardner

Executive Committee Members: Patricia Garrity, Sylvia Plossay & Anita Taylor

Dorothy Crowley Noel, past Co-President handed the gavel to Cheryl Turcotte as our new President.

Next Meetings:

March 11th Friday, at 1pm

April 8th Friday, @1pm (April luncheon cancelled for 2016 as the 125th celebration is the end of April.)

April 28, 29 and 30thSchool of Nursing's 125th Celebration!

May 13th Friday, @1pm

June 9th Thursday @ 12noon – Lobster Feed at Donna Morin's

No meetings in July and August.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Jean Pulkkinen, seconded by Shirley Heutz will all agreeing unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vernice Pelletier.

Secretary