

WYSCR meeting for November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

Present- Clark McInroy – President

Lori Arnold – President Elect – via Phone

Caryl Reed – Secretary

Nancy Luse – Treasurer

Kristi Hack – Delegate

Alexia Melling – Delegate

Alexis Hart – Student

Absent – Tristan Sheets – Past President

Dave Stuart – Vice President

Results of Election of Board members

Lori Arnold is the new president elect

Caryl Reed retains the secretary position

Dave Stuart retains the Vice President position

Director at large positions still to be voted on

Official Treasurer report will be deferred to the February meeting

Old Business:

The Conference went well. We had over 90 people in attendance.

A survey will be going out to vote on the location of the next conference and the open positions of the Director at Large.

Kristi will be picking up a check from 5 Guys Burgers from our last fund raiser.

Clark made phone calls to several of the hospitals around the state to wish them happy Respiratory Care week. Lori Arnolds hospital gave several dinners and gave the gift of scrubs to her employees. It was discussed that next year we might send out cards to each of the hospitals to wish the Respiratory departments a happy Respiratory week.

In addition an thank you gift was purchased to give to Tristan for her 2 years of service as President of the Society. We are very grateful to her for her devotion to the society for those years of service.

#### New Business:

We have begun the process of choosing speakers for the next conference. Some names that were brought up were Scott Jones who is affiliated with Dana Oakes, Matt Stanton, a pharmacist who might speak on the new respiratory drugs, and Dr. Krull, who might speak on restrictive lung diseases.

We are also discussing ideas for fun activities at the next conference such as giving away Cowboy football tickets, Bowling and handing out free drink tickets again for attending the Sputum Bowl.

Nancy and Clark will be working on a budget for the society in the upcoming month or two.

New fundraising ideas are possibly using Qdoba or Buffalo Wild Wings in the same way we did 5 Guys Burgers.

#### Delegates Report:

Kristi and Alexia attended the AARC conference along with student Alexis Hart. They report that a resolution was passed to give 27 members of Puerto Rico assistance from the Fed. AARC has established a relief fund \$500.00 and free membership for the next year.

The disaster fund was started in 1992 and \$32,000.00 was raised at the 2 day conference to go toward this fund.

NBRC credentials can now be done via AARC for everyone.

President Walsh spoke on APRT (Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist) which is an RT who is employed to provide a scope of practice that exceeds that of the RRT. It is an advanced graduate level of education and training program.

Day 2 went into Best Practices #1 – Creative fundraising will be on connect. This would cover website advertising, societal publication, advertising, fundraising events, and special events.

Best practices #2 is a student mentorship program for those students wishing to go to upcoming meetings in San Antonio and Las Vegas. We will need to work on requirements for the students in order for them to qualify.

Best Practices #3 networking at the grassroots – Vendor/Director meetings

Gary Kaufmann spoke on the need for a mission statement.

President Walsh is really pushing for Bachelor of Science for all new grads. This has not passed so far but there is strong desire to make this happen.

Everyone needs to be thinking of ways to boost membership. It was suggested that we possibly put teams together to go to hospitals and speak in the departments about AARC membership.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm at the Silver Fox.