

## VARN Board meeting summary

8/18/17

Present:

Lori Aylor, Brenda French, Sandy Eyler, Bettie Rogers, Jennifer Bandas and Pat Gabel.

Held at Brenda French's home in Sandy Hook, Va.

VARN has registered for and will be providing a link via email to members for a webinar on Sept 12, 2017 at 6:30: Improving Continence Care: Evidence Based Continence Care for Rehabilitation Nurses.

Treasurer report:

- Review of cost/ticket sales from June conference resulted in a net gain. 4 non members paid via Eventbrite and 9 members. Total in attendance was 23. 1 sponsor for \$250. Overall use of Eventbrite for registration was positive. Check was mailed to treasurer following the event.
- Current balance: Checking \$5K savings and \$14687 checking not including profits from the June conference.

Conference summary:

Membership update:

- 134 current Va members. Brenda will request reporting ability from ARN to compare trends in membership.

Scholarship review.

- Board voted to increase the amount to \$750 for 2017 and keep the # of applicants at 5. 5 qualified applicants have already applied to date and will be awarded the scholarship for ARN's annual conference in Seattle. The amount was increased due to the cost of traveling to the West Coast. The conference for 2018 will be on the East coast. Award winners were Tracy Meyer, Alice Webley, Elsa White, Wayne Campbell and Brenda French.

(follow-up post meeting: capped grant award at \$600 due to tax concerns raised by Treasurer)

Conference Planning:

- 9/22 WC Symposium-shared on FB for VARN for Shannon Woods conf.
- Recommend moving survey to members to fall to allow information to be acted upon in the upcoming year.
- Request to co-sponsor/work with CMSA for Spring Conf.
- VA may be able to provide a member only conference in Jan/Feb.

- Request assist from Alice to see if she can assist with coordinating a summer conf in the Tidewater area.
- Discussed adding a conference planning director position to help coordinate members who want to do a conference but don't know how to begin/what to do.

Fundraising:

- Discussed need for fundraising efforts to be ongoing. T-shirt/hat sales can be managed by fundraising sites to avoid inventory but allow sales of t shirts. Discussed options for companies to try. Lori to do further research regarding fundraising/tshirt printing and sales.

Facebook:

- Continues with increasing activity. Any items VARN members would like to share can be sent to Brenda French, Lori Aylor or Susan Wirt who can all post to the page. 100 likes/following at this time.