



Mideast Region of the WOCN Member Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2019, Cincinnati, Ohio

Meeting called to order at 3:56pm by President, Linda Stricker

67 members in attendance

Tickets were distributed to members and drawings for door prizes were done throughout the meeting.

Secretary's Report- Julia Colliflower

Review of minutes. Dea Kent made motion to approve the minutes. Ashely Begerly 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Update on membership- There are currently 477 members of the Mideast Region.

Julia reminded everyone to go to the WOCN website, wocn.org, to update their profile to add their affiliation to the Mideast Region and to also update their profile as to whether they want to be added to the nurse referral and nurse preceptor database. Julia also reminded everyone to visit the Mideast region website at mideastregion.org on a regular basis.

Treasurer's Report- Tim Larsen

Current checking balance is \$11,291.79

Current money market account balance \$248,415.32

Total account balance \$259,707.11

Tim reported that the final Cincinnati conference income and expenditures have not been totaled yet.

Tim reported that \$4,000 was sent to Fund the Future. Donations were also sent to the Youth Rally, FOW and WECT.

Review of the 2020 budget. Tim distributed copies of the budget to the members.

Monica Koch made a motion to accept the 2020 budget. Linda Coulter 2nd the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

President's Report- Linda Stricker

Linda presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Lisa Kirk.

Linda held a discussion regarding the Norma Gill birthday celebration at the upcoming 2020 National WOCN Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. The national WOCN conference planning committee would like to cosponsor the event in conjunction with the Mideast Region at the downtown conference center as part of the opening ceremony during the national conference in June 2020. Sally Gill, Norma's daughter, spoke to the group and stated that she felt that it is a wonderful idea to honor her mother but that she

would like the Mideast Region recognized. Linda Coulter stated that she would like the Mideast region recognized during the celebration as well. Kelly Jaszarowski asked whether the celebration event planning had been discussed with Brooke, the national WOCN conference planner. Linda Stricker stated that preliminary discussions had taken place with **Saneva and Brooke.**

Michelle Beck asked that if the event was held on Saturday June 6, 2020 and the conference doesn't officially start until Sunday June 7, 2020, who would attend? Linda confirmed that the celebration would take place on Saturday night during the networking event hours which are typically very well attended. Monica Koch made a motion for the MER to hold a joint celebration with the National WOCN conference planning committee and continue with the allocated \$20,000.00 amount for the event. Sue Reif 2nd the motion All in favor. Motion carried.

Director #2 Report- Amanda Blanton unable to attend. Deb Crawford, President-elect, presenting award winners in Amanda Blanton's absence.
Professional Educator of the Year- Joy Pittman
WOCN nurse of the year- Colleen Potts
Patient Educator of the Year- Michelle Kessie
Humanitarian Award- Beth Fangman
Shining Star- Courtney Watters

Deb also reminded the group that planning committee volunteers will be needed to help with the 2021 MER WOCN conference to be held in Kentucky. Linda Stricker held a discussion noting that the 2020 MER WOCN conference to be held in Noblesville, IN is planned and additional planning activities are well underway.

Director #1 Report- Judy Mozier

Google analytics- most searches are direct to the website or via an organic search. Search terms used are related to the conference.

Webmaster updates- moving forward, Mara is working on an infrastructure so that all region documentation, communication and projects are held on one site. Mara will be moved from an hourly rate to being held on a retainer. Additionally, Mara will become more involved with the centralized planning committee activities.

Director #3 Report- Beth Fangman

Beth is the liason between the board and the conference planning committee.

Beth reminded the members that if anyone wants to get more involved with the region, becoming involved with the board is a great opportunity for growth.

Beth thanked the Cincinnati conference planning committee for doing such a great job.

Director #4 Report- Becky Smith

Becky reported the 2019-2020 MER Board election results-

Treasurer- Tim Larsen

Director #1- Tim Luttrell

Director #3- Beth Fangman

Monica Koch made a motion to accept the election results. Lisa Kirk 2nd the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried. August 2020 elections will include ballots for President Elect, Director #2 and Director #4. Becky reminded everyone to submit their nominations.

Installation Ceremony held for board members: Tim Larsen, Tim Luttrell and Beth Fangman.

The grand prize drawing was held for a free conference registration to the 2020 National MER WOCN conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Shirley Lappi was the grand prize winner.

Dea Kent held a discussion to explain the centralized conference planning committee (CCPC) to the member. She explained that the CCPC process will make the conference planning process much easier so that each state's conference planning committee would not have to "re-invent the wheel" each year. There will be core CCPC members: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary with term limits. Additionally, volunteer members from each state will be involved with the conference planning. In the spring, volunteers from Kentucky will be needed to begin the CCPC process for the upcoming 2021 MER WOCN conference. The CCPC will then set a date to meet and plan the conference.

Ashley Begerley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cecilia Krusling 2nd the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44pm