

May 29, 2009

Lorene Newberry ENA Chapter Meeting
Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Kennesaw Mountain Room

Meeting called to order by Randy Huey, President, at 1717

Introductions were made around the room of members and guests

Previous meeting minutes of 3/23/09 were read and approved (Motion: Susan Zimmerman and Second: Michele Wilhoit)

Treasurer's Report – Randy Huey and Susan Zimmerman went to the bank to open our new account. We have a beginning balance of \$1500. We need to write a check to Deb Ward for the CEN Review that she paid for. We will get some money for each new member that joins ENA and our chapter.

Committee Reports

- a) Education – Jewell Lifrage asked for suggestions/interests for future meetings on topics to improve Emergency Nursing care or new and updated information....anything related to and appropriate for the care we deliver to our patients.
- b) Membership – Deb Ward informed us we now have 29 members in our chapter with 5 TNCC Instructor's and 1 TNCC Faculty within our chapter. Eleven members are from Kennestone, 4 from Cobb, 1 from Douglas, 1 from Paulding, and 1 from Windy Hill Development Center within the WellStar Health System. Each member that wishes to transfer to our chapter needs to go online to change their membership chapter designation. Two more members will renew their ENA membership today and that will give us 2 paid fees to the Baltimore Conference. The group discount for new members joining will end next week but Deb Ward is going to try to get the group rate extended for 1 year. Renewals are being honored at the group rate right now also. Everyone who joins at the group rate this year, renewals included, will be honored at the same rate for renewal next year.

Old Business

- a) Review of 2009 goals – We would like to offer educational programs with CEU's and would like to increase our membership
- b) 2009 Meeting Dates – we will initially meet every other month until we are well established as a new chapter. We will meet on the 4th Thursday of that month. Meeting dates are: July 23, September 24, and we will wait to decide on November due to that date being Thanksgiving holiday.

New Business

- a) 2009 National Election – go to www.gaena.org or www.ena.org to read the bio's and platforms for each of the nominees. Voting ends at 5pm CST on June 12, 2009. Each ENA member was emailed a code that is needed to cast their ballot. Please be sure to vote.
- b) CEN Review Class – we would like to see all ED nurses take the CEN. Deb Ward registered Kennestone as a site and ran the course through our chapter. The cost is \$500 per site. We will charge \$50 per current member to take the course. We wanted to use this as a way for our chapter to raise money and thus far, we have made about \$500 over the cost. There is only one opening left for the course at this time. See Deb if interested. The classes start Tuesday at 3pm. Wellstar full time employees receive a \$1000 bonus every year for passing the CEN and

the first time bonus is \$1250 to help cover the cost of the test. Thank you, Deb, for all your hard work in putting this review class together!

- c) State Council Update – Keith Brooks gave an update from the meeting in Macon. He discussed the Baltimore conference in October and encouraged everyone to plan on attending. He discussed fundraising and how to earn money for our chapter and also that we may be able to provide scholarship(s) for the conference in Baltimore if we raise enough money. Wellstar will not allow us to fundraise within the hospital but we can do it in the ED. Possible fundraising ideas: sell Krispy Kreme coupons. He encouraged everyone to vote in the ENA elections. He discussed the Education Day to be held on October 24 and to look on the GA ENA website for more information.
- d) 2009 Annual Meeting – Held this year in Baltimore. General Assembly is the first 2 days and then the educational Scientific Assembly. This year’s slogan: STAT (strengthen, transform, and transcend).
- e) Georgia ENA Website – www.gaena.org Our chapter is now official and listed on the website. Our meeting minutes will be posted after they have been approved. Our new chapter is not just a Wellstar chapter, it includes multiple zip codes. Every member gets to choose what chapter they want to affiliate with. Deb Ward is attempting to contact all the area ED’s to get more members. Michele Wilhoit will take information to the quarterly VHA meetings and will also send information out to the local urgent care centers. Nursing Schools are also a great forum to get students involved and interested in the ED and they get to join at a discounted rate. We can also hand out flyers about Wellstar’s ED Fellowship to draw more nursing students to the ED.
- f) 2009 Georgia ENA State Education Day – will be October 24 at St. Joseph’s in Atlanta. See the GA website soon for more information
- g) Educational Programs – discussed education regarding the latest research (the window for CVA pt’s is now 4 ½ hrs), peds, triage (Marvena Williams willing to talk about this at a future meeting), continuing education for nurses (ENNP programs now), and legal aspects of nursing (Lance LaRusso, attorney, was great at Kennestone’s last ED retreat) as possible future topics. The EMS Collaboration Day is tomorrow at Kennestone from 0800-1200 in the auditorium. This is an EMS/ED collaborative with several Dr’s speaking and cost to attend is free.

Meeting was adjourned at 1805

Next Meeting will be July 23 at 1700

Educational Topic: Orthopedic Emergencies in the ED by Dr. James R Malcolm

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