**NAHN Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 23, 2017 6pm

Location UAB School of Nursing, Room 401

**Present:**

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| Jacqueline Godber |  |
| Martha Dawson | Grace Grau |
| Shelley Roman | Tatiana Powell |
| Erika Alvarez | Beatriz Arcanjo (visitor) |
| Norma Cuellar  | Ana Gonzalez |

**Absent without notice:**

Reyna Silva Brian Dickson

Linda Moneyham Aracely Alvarez

Yolanda Harris Vanessa Gaioso

D’Ann Somerall

Karen Nunez

**Absent with Notice:**

Aimee Duthil

Lisette Ornelas

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Grace Grau

6:03 PM Minutes were approved unanimously

Report of **fundraiser status** provided by Grace Grau as follows:

* Poinsettia sale generated $348.00 for the chapter
* Donations $500/Drawing for Iron Bowl tickets/dinner for 2 will occur in front of LHL on 11/11/16 at 4 pm
* Santa Home Visits planned for December in Leeds. $10/visit. 1 person has inquired. This plan was aborted due to low interest.
* Publix – Puerto Rican Manager, Grace went to visit her to seek sponsorship from Publix. Grace received info for sponsorship to submit a proposal for publix.
* National Assoc. for Hispanic Nurses encouraged Grace to allow them to seek sponsors on our behalf. Seeking names and contact info for any possible donors to give to National for them to approach to seek support.
* Ask local Hispanic businesses and churches for sponsorships or for 2 nursing sponsorships for $150 each, tax deductible, would provide funding for 4 chapter members to go to national conference in Arizona, can a restaurant cater an event?
* Anna – to ask about Mi Pueblo, to see if they will consider donating a portion or percentage f profits for a days sales to NAHN chapter goals or if they would consider offering any particular

**Old Business**

Grace Grau updated members regarding:

* Contact with BBVA Compass Bank representative, Tony West to request corporate sponsorship. Awaiting reply.
* Regions Bank: Mrs. Bradford (President @ Regions Bank) Black woman, had a heart attack, woman in Miami had similar s/s. Requested sponsorship was declined because they were sponsoring the entire Go Red For Women Lunch.
* Chapter participation at Fiesta Birmingham. HICA donated a booth to the chapter. Members Ana Gonzalez, Reyna Sylva, Yolanda Harris and Grace Grau conducted CV risk assessments on attendees.

6:26 Suggestions for a different location for a NAHN meeting such as a restaurant, etc.

6:30- Grace shared details of recent to trip to Leadership conference in South Carolina, and discussed reps for Pfizer and others that could possibly be sponsors and provide continuing education at meetings.

6:35- Discussed NAHN scholarship opportunities

6:36- Members were asked to get on NAHN website and read about the scholarships and NAHN awards – Scholarships due April 1st and Awards due April 15th.

6:38- Grace is going to upload the documents related to the “affordable care act”, we as a chapter are encouraged to read and familiarize ourselves so as to increase awareness and be better able to participate in political changes/efforts. Grace will also provide a sample letter for how to write to your state representative and senators.

6:40- Sugar Beverage tax act, NAHN is supporting this movement, there are a lot of issues with obesity and diabetes. States are considering taxing sugary beverages based on the amount of sugar in each type of beverage purchased.

6:45- Grace discussed the importance of serving on a health policy committees and how important it is for there to be Latin nursing representatives on these types of committees.

6:50- National Conference in Arizona, discussed sleeping arrangements, flights, and importance of our chapter going so that we can represent our chapter and recognize our chapter at the national level. Discussed potentially having the next national conference here in Alabama and for all the chapter members to brainstorm on companies that might be interested in this conference being hosted here.

6:55- ST. Vincent’s hospital is looking for a bilingual nurse with 2 years experience.

6:56- NUEVOlution, at the Birmingham civil rights museum, travelling Hispanic exhibitions, Grace proposes meeting on a Saturday before May to meet downtown to go the exhibit and then possibly do lunch afterwards.

7:01- Santa Cruz Church in Albertville, AL to see if they would be receptive to having a health fair for their Hispanic populations.

7:09- Beatrice is going to get info from the Brazillian Church, Jackie to reach out to her contact,

7:15- Discussing different local Hispanic and non Hispanic businesses that we can each reach out to for sponsorship or donations

7:17- Next meeting is in May 25th, possibly go to NuevoLution!

**New Business**

Grace asked for volunteers for the standing committees

* Norma Cuellar and Martha Dawson volunteered to serve on the Education/Programming Committee
* Need volunteers to serve on the Membership Committee and to serve on the Bylaws Committee. We will ask for member feedback at next meeting,

Chapter officers were introduced and installed per NAHN National President Elect and chapter member, Dr. Norma Cuellar.

Grace Grau, President

Aimee Duthil, President Elect will start term in 2018

Tatianna Powell, Treasurer

Jacqueline Godber- Secretary

The floor was opened for members to make announcements:

* Norma Cuellar provided information to members regarding 2017 conference and encouraged attendance by all noting that student participation is always welcomed and a good opportunity for learning and networking.

Grace Grau proposed the 2017 meeting calendar as follows:

* There will be no meeting again until March 2017. Chapter President and President Elect will travel to North Carolina on Jan 26 to attend Leadership Conference
* Meetings will resume March 23
* May 25
* July- There will not be a meeting due to National Conference
* September 28
* November 30

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm-All in favor to close meeting for the evening.