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**AL NAHN Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. CST**

**via UAB School of Nursing - Room 1054 and Zoom**

**Members Present:**

Sebastian Becerril Vargas

Jammie Sanchez

Javier Figueroa

Sarah Watts

Grace Grau

Nury Alejandra Rodriguez

Tiffany Laserna

**Members Absent:**

Felesia Bowen

Norma Cuellar

Carlos Guerrero

Christine Gil

Maria Shirey

Lindsey Harris

Danielle Dalton

Gabriela Diaz

Bairon Francisco

Julissa Hernandez

Gabriela Romero

Aida Miles

Jessica Hernandez

Maneeza Martin

Cathy Cartagena

Lisandra Hernandez

Zaylie Quick

Annette Stricklin

Felix Garcia

Frank Puga

**TREASURER REPORT – current chapter balance $28,951.77**

(Checking $1,769.89 ($1862.69) / Savings $6,552.56 / CD $20,536.52)

* Expenses reported: $1122.90
  + Storage Unit $36.90
  + Food spent for last meeting $55.90

**MEETING PURPOSE & GOALS**

* Action on Routine Matters through [consent agenda](C://Users/nurse/OneDrive/Documents/ALNAHN/What%20is%20a%20consent%20agenda.mhtml)
* Discussion and action on strategies, initiatives
* Updates from leaders on key Issues

**Meeting was called to order by ALNAHN President Dr. Grace Grau at 6:04pm. We did not have Quorum.**

1. **Consent Agenda**

* Board Meeting Minutes from January 2024 reviewed by those present.
* Treasurer report reviewed by those present.

1. **President Update (Dr. Grace Grau)**

* **ALNAHN**
  + 2024 Officer candidates were appointed at the January meeting. Dr. Grau is currently training the new officers for their roles.
    - President - Elect- Sebastian Vargas-Becerril, LPN
    - Treasurer - Tiffany Laserna, MSN, CRNP
    - Secretary - Sarah Watts, PhD, RN
  + Updates of Past Activities -
    - AL NAHN has been involved in several outreach activities to expose high school students to the nursing profession. These activities include teaching skills so that students may become employable as patient care technicians and they may desire to pursue a degree in nursing or another health-related field.
    - The immersion experience scheduled for Jan 26, 2024 at Oak Mountain Middle School was cancelled.
    - A Health clinic was held on February 3, 2024 from 11-4 pm at Holy Family Cristo Rey.
  + Upcoming Volunteer opportunities
    - Hispanic Community Event will be held in Opelika, AL on March 23, 2024 from 12pm-4pm
    - Opportunities to promote visibility in our hospitals:
      * Children’s Hospital May 10, 2024
      * VA Hospital TBD
      * UAB Hospital TBD
      * UAB SON TBD
      * Career days at community colleges and other Universities to recruit students and nursing students.
      * We will be very active During National Nurses Week and Hispanic Heritage month
    - Nurses Day at the Capital will be held on February 28, 2024. All members were encouraged to attend and get involved in health policy. Dr. Grau shared a few tips about how to interact with an elected official. The following website was shared and members were encouraged to find their legislators <https://myreps.datamade.us/>
* Additional Leadership/Professional Development Opportunities
  + - Environmental Health [Link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd26N5FVai19D6kLjLAqewRtr9A_eluDONapGjY-Ny5hI7n6w/viewform)
    - VotER Fellowship [Link](https://tally.so/r/mD7PER)
* **NATIONAL NAHN**
  + NAHN National Conference will be held July 31-Aug 3 in Atlanta, GA
    - Members were encouraged to submit abstracts.
    - Members, especially students, were encouraged to attend. If students planned to attend, they were encouraged to follow up with Dr. Grau to potentially receive funding to attend.
* TheNAHN Health Policy Summit was held Jan 31-Feb 2 in Washington D.C. Dr. Grau shared that it was a positive experience. Over 125 leaders attended and were very engaged throughout. The meeting included informative speakers and attendees visited federal legislators to discuss policies that were important to the organization.

1. **Items for discussion and action –**

* Members were encouraged to update contact information on the NAHN website so that we have current address/email and telephone numbers for all members.
* Also, members were encouraged to ensure they have a profile on the [NAHN Alabama website](https://alnahn.nursingnetwork.com/)

1. **Round Table/Member sharing**

* Members shared current activities and updates
* Next meeting will March 28th, UAB SON 6 -7 pm

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p by President Grau.**