

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center  
Dietetic Caucus Minutes  
January 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by Theresa Stahl, Chair. She welcomed everyone in attendance and asked that they review the attached minutes from the November 6, 2014 meeting. After review it was motioned and seconded to accept the minutes as written.

Present were:

Hana Pike  
Jenn Wilson  
Joni Brode  
Joy Taylor

Kay Leigh  
Theresa Stahl  
Emily Valko

Meredythe Barrick  
Amanda Pratt  
Brenda Ridgway

**REPORTS**

Treasury Report:

Kay reported that as of November 30, 2014 the current caucus balance is \$743.79. There was a small \$4.00 audit fee assessed.

WMAHEC Board of Directors:

Jenn gave the report. She announced that the City of Cumberland settlement was received and that the Board of Directors is looking for a person with an accounting background to fill the position of Treasurer on the Executive Committee.

Continuing Education:

Kathy Condor was not present at this meeting. Theresa mentioned that she has been in touch with her and they are trying to find a good date that most people could support attending the Eating Disorder CE that is being planned. She also announced that Kathy is going to contact the additional speaker that was recommended by the caucus to be included in the presentations.

Bariatric Sub-Committee for 2014 Update:

Kay updated the caucus that Dr. Small and Dr. Novak presented at the Bariatric support group in recent months. We are still discussing a CE program with Dr. Small and an RD from Meritus Hospital in Spring, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Listserv & Web Page:

The member listserv was circulated for review and updates as well as the Dietetic Caucus webpage.

**National Nutrition Month Projects:**

Dietetic Caucus Cookbook

Kay announced that there were a few more recipes entered. Some proof reading still needs to be done and that the Sub-Committee would meet to finalize the organization of the recipes in the cook booklet. It was suggested that Marcy might be interested in replacing Brenda on the Sub-Committee and serve with Kay and Theresa and that Melody might also be interested in helping with the Sub-Committee tasks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Meeting notices were collected from those that brought them. The raffle will be conducted at the next meeting when we celebrate RD day.

### National Dietitian's Day Celebration Planning

Theresa announced that the title for the event will be "Cuisine for A Healthy Lifestyle: National Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day Celebration" and it will held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, which is actually the National Nutrition/ RD Day. It will be held from 5:30 – 8:30 pm and will cost \$10 a person. She has finalized the invitation announcement but she would like Deb Frank to review it. She is also going to check with Deb to see if there is limited space for attendance. Once the draft is finalized Theresa will send it to Joy electronically so that she can send it out to the listserv.

### Chair Elect Position

There was discussion about the open Chair Elect position and after a lot of conversation, Hana Pike agreed to take the Chair Elect position. She will hold that position for one year because Theresa is on an extended Chair position right now, so when Theresa comes off of the Chair position at the end of this year, then Hana will move into the Chair position from Chair Elect.

### Dietitian of the Year

Joy will get the notice sent out requesting nominations. The notice will go to all the listservs. The committee to choose the Dietitian of the Year will again be Meredythe and Jenn, as the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year winner for 2014, and Marcy Etherson, if she is still interested. Emily agreed to sit on the committee if Marcy is not able or not interested. It was also agreed that there will be no raffles at this year's RD day. Jenn has a prior commitment on March 11<sup>th</sup> however, so we will wait to do the announcement for 2015 Dietitian of the Year until she is able to get there, which should be around 7:30pm. Everyone agreed to handle the agenda in that way.

### Highlights of Dietitian Activities/Announcements

Theresa distributed several flyers including the "Change to Win" program, a listing with all the health and nutrition programs offered at the WMHS as well as upcoming grocery store tours.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hana announced that she graduated with her masters in December and everyone congratulated her for this achievement.

Amanda Pratt, who is interning with Aramark at the hospital from WVU, announced that her internship was going well.

The meeting adjourned and everyone went to meet at El Jinete for a networking dinner. The next meeting will be March 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Taylor