

Area Health Education Center - *West*

Dietetic Caucus Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017

Attendance: Kay Leigh, Jennifer Perrin, Kathy Condor, Melissa Clark, Marcy Etherson

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Kay. There were no minutes from the March meeting as it was the RD day celebration and no minutes were taken at the very brief meeting before the dinner.

Reports

Continuing Education

Kathy Condor reported that the bus trip to Wegmans was “awesome.” Everyone enjoyed it so much but they wanted more time to spend in the store. More bus trips will be coming up for lay-people.

She also reported that Dr. Drew Ramsey is giving a program on Nutrition and Brain Health; she said this will be a great program for RD’s to attend. On May 26, 2017 there will be a program entitled “Ethics for the Health Care Professional.” On November 10, 2017 there will be a ½ day program offered by the Center for Mind-Body-Medicine.

Kathy asked if we had any ideas or requests for a program for RD’s.

Treasury report

At the end of March the account balance was \$484.28. Payments were made for the massages and Aramark bill for the dinner for the RD Day celebration.

AHEC West Board of Directors

Melissa Clark attended the meeting and spoke for AHEC. She said caucuses are the “heart and soul” of AHEC but the federal government has mandated that the individual caucuses are not going to be part of AHEC going forward. We are one of the few AHEC’s in the country that still has caucuses but after September, 2017 we no longer will.

The money in our bank account will need to be spent by September 1, 2017 or given to a non-profit organization. Melissa gave ideas of what some other caucuses are planning to do with their money. One option is to put it toward dues in a state organization.

AHEC is mandated to have one all-inclusive interprofessional caucus. The details of this are still being worked out but one thing they are looking into is continuing education seminars that would be interprofessional.

Kay stated she has already looked into forming a sub-group through MAND. She is planning to attend MAND’s spring meeting and will try to get more information when she is there. Marcy

offered to contact an eastern shore RD who is involved with the eastern shore dietitian group and get information from her about whether they are a sub-group of MAND or not.

Kay will send out a letter to everyone in the caucus about what is going on and try to get an indication of peoples' interest level in forming another group. Kay also said she will also send it to FSD's to see if any FSD's/CDM's are interested.

Melissa said AHEC West is committed to helping all the caucuses with the transition away from individual caucuses. She said there are many other mandated changes that AHEC West must make but did not elaborate.

Katie Salesky has resigned and taken a position at DHMH.

Old Business

None.

New Business and Other Announcements

2017 Dietitian of the Year

Kay announced that Marcy Etherson is the 2017 RD of the year.

Highlights of RD activities

Liz Karuter, Clinical Nutrition Manager, is moving to Florida.

The Health System is working on mobile clinics.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 6, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Etherson, RD