

Saturday October 4, 2008/Location Central Maine Community
12:30 PM meeting called to order/Members present:

Michelle Brinck -Regional Coordinator
Jill Bouchard -Officer at Large
Joseph Frias -Officer at Large
Brooke Bohannon – Regional President
Julie Larkin – Southern Regional Vice President
Wes Larkin – Honorary Member
Kim Rodrigues – Central Vice President
Laurie Lopez CMCC- Advisor

Brooke referred to the calendar brought attention to dates we should be aware of and asked if anyone had anything to add.

Officers gave permission to Joe to ask Bunker Hill and then CCRI if they would host the November meeting.

Minutes from Sept reviewed. Julie made the motion to pass the minutes, Joe 2nd, past unanimously.

Jill reported that a local college asked if they wanted to combine with her to view the honors seminar together.

Jill was asked to speak at Naugatuck Community College for their induction. That was the one response from the emails that she sent out.

Joe reported that he has made calls and sent emails but has not received any response as of yet.

Julie reported that she got invited to inductions after she sent out her intro email and received congratulations. CCRI was one. Things went well.

Brooke reminded everyone to respond to all every time we send an email including introductions, flyers, etc. Michelle also reminded everyone to cc her on their emails.

Joe said that he has not sent out his bio.

Kim reported that people responded with congratulations and were asking questions about the region and happenings and that it was positive to get the response.

Jill's advisor, Laurie Lopez reported that you may want to say "response required" in the subject box of your emails.

Brooke mentioned that Military Service Members who are members of Phi Theta Kappa officers are listed on the international web page.

Brooke stated that there are other ways to get information for stories for the newsletter, including the international website.

Brooke asked about donating the Hites fundraising money in honor of Dr. Shirley B. Gordon who just died. Kim suggested that we donate in the name of Margaret James (Mosal).

No newsletter in December because of timing. Will pick it back up in Jan. Brooke referred to the dates on the calendar for newsletter changes in dates. Suggest a week ahead of time that officers remind their chapters to submit their stories for the newsletter.

Brooke suggested that we bring any news to the meeting to assign to writers.

Puzzle pieces will be our brand all the way through, such as signs on the doors at workshops etc.

Michelle stated that we hope to know more about the blog by the conference. Also, the website should have capacity to email through the website down the line as well.

Laurie Lopez, Jill's advisor mentioned that she is receiving emails from Michelle Brinck but has not received anything from Craig Champley since his welcome in May. There may be updates in email addresses that need to be updated.

She also reported that Jill and the other members of her chapter hit the ground running this year. They are trying to raise awareness of Phi Theta Kappa on campus and have pinnacle already. They are hoping to have an induction ceremony soon. They talked about the issue of when officers start to get things going then, all too soon they graduate. That it's important to start people early.

She thanked the region for doing a good job and for sacrificing their weekend and noted that she will start to refer students to neptk.org. She said that there will be fundraising to send people to conferences. Their Phi Theta Kappa chapter received more funding this year. Also, their Dean of Students is currently serving in Kuwait, and is supporting them from the field. He is a Phi Theta Kappa Alumnus, as is the president of the college. Also, other advisors have been helpful regarding the round table in March.

She also mentioned that joining events together is preferable. She would be willing to go to a chapter advisor training when officers are in training. Also, it's hard when there is a high turn over of people graduating.

She mentioned that they would send photos to Regional and that Southern and Central Maine Colleges will be working together and viewing seminars together.

Officers discussed and finalized plans for the upcoming Officer Academy and Leadership Conference.

Joe agreed to contact Bunker Hill Community College about our November Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM.