WESTMAN DISTRICT CHAPTER OF CRNM

District Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2007

Lecture Theatre, Nurses Residence BRHC, Brandon

Present: Michelle Atchison- president, Kathryn Chachula- vice-president, Dawn Affleck- treasurer, Claudia Nieradka- secretary, Joan Sinclair, Kerri Ramstead, Rick Paddock-Thiessen, Carly Baloun, Peggy Maxwell Bos, Michelle Egan, Stephanie Capille, Kayla Caul, April Roirn

Regrets: Val Zurba, Cheryl Winger, Yvette Lennon, Deb Elias from CRNM, Suzanne Wochuk from CRNM

1. Call to order at 1910 hours.
2. Introductions by Michelle Atchison of executive members. Explanation of cancelled presentation on "Ethics" related to weather.
3. Topic for discussion provided by Kathryn Chachula on "Document 2020". Discussion ensued post presentation by all members in the audience.
4. District meeting commenced 2010 hours.
5. Minutes circulated from Octobober 16, 2006 district meeting and corrected for change in spelling of #8 from "Normand" to "Norman". Minutes then approved by consensus.
6. Treasurer report by Dawn Affleck. Report to include more information such as not only amount of cheques written but also the party to whom they were made out. There will also be a new method of record keeping. There will be three separate books, one for each account to make record keeping easier to distinguish between each account – chequing, scholarship, and biennium fund. Treasurer report to be attached to minutes when received from Dawn.
7. District AGM will be April 25, 2007. Will try new idea to try to increase attendance. Cost will be $8 per person for a desert and coffee night with Karen Neufeld speaking on "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Nurses". Plan is Victoria Inn and local will cover $3 per person to make cost for members attending $5 each. Tickets to be made up by secretary with printing done by BRHC print room. Ideas still to be worked out regarding door prizes or silent auction.
8. Topic of Biennium 2008 in Ottawa raised as 100th anniversary and ideas for fundraising need to be looked at.
9. Upcoming positions for vice-president and treasurer will be open at district level for election at AGM.
10. Provincial AGM in Dauphin June 13 & 14, 2007 will contain an education day.
11. Next professional practice series session is March 15, 2007 on Substance Abuse within our profession. Watch for posters.
12. Continued concerns from membership regarding continuing competencies and how to fill out the standards of practice properly. Will look at more workshops or information sessions in the fall and possibly during nurses week this May. Michelle looking into possible options in May.
13. Idea of "Think Tanks" put out to members to see if they feel this may be a good way to get people together to discuss topics. Membership will think about it and see if there is any interest to take this further as journal club showed interest but

many members found difficulty coordinating with family obligations. A think tank was explained as being a gathering of professionals from a group such as nursing to discuss topics that were of interest to that group to increase knowledge within the profession itself and encourage participation of members who may find this option more of an interest to them.

14. Next professional practice series March 15 and next district meeting is April 25, 2007 for AGM.

Adjourned 2035 hours
Claudia Nieradka
Secretary CRNM Westman District