Northeast Indiana District

Annual Report 2019

The Northeast Indiana District of IONL held the following meetings this past year:

**January 2, 2019**

This meeting was held at the Dupont Resource Center. Discussed the IONE fall conference being held in Fort Wayne this year. It will be at the Grand Wayne Center on April 26, 2019. Nominations were held for the president elect and Sharon Springer was unanimously voted in as the president elect. Michelle Walter updated the group on the IONE 2018 Strategic Plan and the group discussed the needs of the district to assist with the IONE Strategic Plan. The group discussed the educational topics for the upcoming year and who the guest speakers will be at the 2019 meetings. There was also good discussion on how to increase member attendance at meetings.

**March 6, 2019**

Meeting was held at the Dupont Resource Center. Update on the Indiana Nurse Honor Guard was given. Our region is being represented by Jenny Nash. Update given on the NEIONE Linkedin page that is up and running. Discussed the upcoming NEIONE fall conference that will be on September 6th. This year will be a mini conference. Our featured speaker will be Sue Johnson, who has written books on Florence Nightingale. We will be offering CE’s for this conference. Discussed IONE spring conference being held in Fort Wayne. Bridget Johnson was our guest speaker and spoke on multiple topics. She spoke about nursing and nurse leadership with passion. She discussed relationships, shared governance, evidence based practice, nurse residency, nurse certification and growing nurse leaders.

During round table members discussed multiple topics. *Certification* is a growing trend at this time in most hospitals as continuing education is encouraged across all scopes of practice. *Millennials* (people born in the early 1980’s to the early 2000’s) and what works best for them, as they tend to like change. Try to keep in touch with staff changing positions, as they are more likely to return. The term *leader* is being used more as opposed to manager. The *new trend* in the area for hospitals is collaborating, sharing, and networking instead of competition.

**May 8, 2019**

Meeting was held at Country Heritage Winery. Members heard an update on the Nurse Honor Guard. An update was given on our Linkedin Page. Discussion ensued concerning the upcoming NEIONE fall conference. Discussed name change for AONE, IONE, and NEIONE and that it will be changing the name from ‘Organization for Nurse Executives’ to ‘Organization For Nursing Leadership’. Discussed doing a service project for our November meeting.

Going to try adding a Zoom meeting to our July meeting. Discussed upcoming IONE fall conference in French Lick. Discussed AONE Nurse Leadership Certification Course October 15th

Ideas were shared in how to increase membership.

**July 10, 2019**

This meeting has held at the Dupont Resource Center. We used ZOOM for this meeting, which did help increase attendance. Mary Browning was in attendance per ZOOM and gave a presentation on IONE, membership and benefits, AONE and the distribution of License Plate Funds for scholarships. The 2017 Year in Review was made available to those in attendance. The treasurer gave a report to the district members. Transportation issues were discussed as the new Medicaid regulations went into effect and there were many issues involving all care provider levels. The President-elect for NEIONE withdrew, so we are now looking for new applicants. Discussed doing a service project for our last meeting of 2019 on November 6, 2019 at the Dupont Resource Center. We discussed the possibility of providing needed items to the Ft Wayne Rescue Mission and Charis House. More details to follow. Theresa Bradtmiller was the guest speaker and she spoke on CBD oil, the benefits, and the need for research. If using CBD oil it must be bought from a reputable source as it is not regulated at this time. Due to current Indiana laws THC is illegal so you want an oil containing no THC or <0.3%. Some benefits mentioned are for the treatment of anxiety, depression, insomnia, inflammation, and pain. The regional coalition is looking into CBD oil and medical marijuana. More research is needed. During round table, a request for support with letters to Senator Young concerning the need to allow the process to continue to bring International Nurses to the United States.

**September 6, 2019**

Fall mini conference was held at the Landmark Event Centre. The theme was “What Would Florence Do?”. Sue Johnson was the guest speaker. Sue has written books on Florence Nightingale and discussed Florence and how she continues to impact Nursing. Mary Browning also spoke and gave some great updates regarding IONL. NEIONE also gave a $1000 scholarship to student in the MSN program at the University of Saint Francis. The meeting was a great success that was uplifting and united us in our leadership roles.

We also have 2 president elect candidates for 2020 that the NEIONE members will be voting on in October.

**Final meeting will be in November. Date and time TBD. Will be having a meeting and then doing a Wine and Canvas**

Respectfully Submitted by:

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