

Questions for Roundtable Discussion with Guest Chapters

-Have you developed a strategic plan? If so, has it been helpful?

Theta chapter has a plan but not happy with it; SAP plan in five areas but only really need three. Need to look at other plans to help with setting and meeting goals. Needs to be concrete areas of publicity, finance, and membership

Alpha chapter has one as well. It has just been put together for a plan and direction but needs to be streamlined for reference goals and objectives. We need to be aware of the \$3 million scholarship yearly that are given and the role that we are playing helping teachers

Suggestion of having one person from each chapter to participate and have the state put on a workshop on how to put an effective strategic plan together for correlation with the state SAP plan

-When do you have meetings? Are they well attended?

Alpha: First Thursday of the month; tried homes, restaurants, etc. Have poor attendance with only 6-8 of us because it is a priority. Tried many different times.

Psi: Second Saturday of the month in the mornings. There are only 15 members with usually 8 attending. Have tried movie meetings; dinner and movie; teas on Sunday for essay members; line dancing; painting; speakers that come in; tours; food pantry with the high school; State President; silent auction every November; circle of care building homes for foster families

Theta: Meet four times a year; February, April, September, November on Saturday mornings. Usually eight to nine members attend. They cover three counties; Blaine, Dewey and Canadian. Members drive from Enid, Reydon and Kingfisher for meetings. Have a nice fundraising continuing (over \$4000) with arts and crafts for Winterfest in which they make sand plum and jalepano jelly to sell. They furnish coloring books for children waiting at the Compassion Clinic in Kingfisher; grant aid to students in need of school supplies, and have a nice reception in April for essay winners.

-How do you recruit new members? How do you keep members involved?

Comments made from guests: "we have lost many members due to family moving" "if members feel needed, they feel compelled to come" "few young members" "we need to welcome new members and encourage them to bring young children and teenagers along" "ask your speakers to join" "invite high school girls to come to meetings" "invite spouses" "dinner and movie together" "invite collegiate member to chapter meetings" "buy a book and give it to student teacher"

-Does your chapter have any extra activities or meetings than your normal scheduled monthly meetings?

Dinner and movie; fundraiser activities

-How successful has your essay contest been? How do you distribute and encourage participation? How much do award the winners?

Depends on the topic. Give to the teachers directly.

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-How successful has your scholarship applications been? How do you make your scholarship known?

Two CD's that are used for being proactive to giving the scholarships; use the interest off of the CD's. Dean at campus at Woodward is an excellent person to give the applications to students that are worthy of the scholarships. There are more in need and worthy of the scholarships. Nursing schools have specific needs; those that receive the scholarship come and speak at the meetings. Can also recruit as a member.

Student scholarship: minimal numbers the last several years; trying to get the word out. Made out the check towards the individual's tuition. Have them speak at the meeting. Student teacher students only if they will stay in education.

Put the application and information online and have the counselor push the students to the website. Not many education majors out of Northwestern. Recruitment grant for education: look towards their mothers or know their financial situation. Embrace students that need money. Have to call and get them involved.

Don't always have applicants; only take care of the cities who have chapter members.

Let the counselors know about the availability of the monies and what they could apply for. Just have them fill out form but not do an essay.

Have to drag and pull the students to participate

Newsletter: what is expected

A form that comes from the state with the different categories that we need to look at; have to have certain items and follow the form. A big part of your gold chapter is met in the newsletter. Add into the red roses, etc in the newsletter so they can copy and paste directly from your newsletter to the state website for the state president. Also a state committee member (up to 4)

Include the Treasurer report and minutes into the newsletter. It needs to be in WORD and pdf format.

World Fellowship

Complaining a little at state due to FORM 43 international website; fill out, print out and then send directly to the state *interactive if you do it online!