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PRESIDENT'S PEN

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and I hope new memories were made with loved ones while missing those who could not be here and a special place in our hearts for our loved ones that have gone before us.

This time of year for most of us our work load increases without extra help due to our patients coming back from the north. Please always try to remember that you matter and try to take care of yourself during these busy months ahead of us.

Our next meeting is December 7, 2017 at Fawcett Hospital at 6:30 pm. There will be a brief business meeting after the speaker. The topic is being presented by Hospice. Thanks to Paul for finding us a speaker. Please remember to use your **membership ID number** when you sign in so that there are no delays in receiving your CEU's. This is the problem our Education Chair has run into. Remember that your certification number on the hard plastic card is your certification number only. You will not receive credits using this number. It can be confusing at times which card to use.

Everyone should have received an e-blast for the December meeting. There were about 150 sent out by Betty Springer, CMA-C, FSMA Marketing Chair. These will start going out to members and non-renewing members prior to our meetings and seminars.

Our Annual Christmas dinner will be held December 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Carrabba's in Port Charlotte. Please bring an ornament for our ornament exchange if you wish to participate.

Please remember to go to the FSMA website to stay in touch with national, state and local activities. You are more than welcome to attend any chapter's events.

Please look around your place of employment and invite the non-member CMA or anyone that might be interested in the topic that is being presented.

I hope to see you all at the meeting (remember bring a guest) on December 7, 2017

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
Southwest Chapter President

Minutes from October 5, 2017

Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Port Charlotte, Florida

Called to order by President, Deniece Jozefiak, CMA.

Roll call by Pam Nemanick, CMA: Absent: Judy

A quorum was declared by Recording Secretary, Pam Nemanick, CMA.

Correspondence: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. No report.

President: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

President Elect: Heidi Fortin, CMA. No report.

Recording Secretary: Pam Nemanick, CMA. The minutes from February 2, 2017 were approved without corrections and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: Heidi Fortin, CMA. Current balance \$5,957.98

Past President: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. No report.

Physician Liaison: None.

Bylaws: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Education: Judy Seymour, CMA and Ruth Lapio, CMA. No report as Judy was absent.

Marketing: Ruth Lapio, CMA. . No report.

Membership: Heidi Fortin, CMA. No report.

Newsletter: Pam Nemanick, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Service: Pam Nemanick, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Ways & Means: Marvine Dethloff, CMA. No report.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to discuss

New Business:

1. Officers and committee chairs for this year: Nominations and elections were tabled until the chapter meets again on November 2nd, 2017.
2. Education: The chapter is in desperate need for ideas on topics. Two topics of interest were MIPS and Hospice. Please submit ideas to the Education Chair, Judy Seymour, CMA.

Minutes from October 5, 2017 (cont.)

3. Projector: It was unanimously voted that there is not a need for a projector as it is not cost-effective at this stage of our small chapter.
4. Community service projects: The chapter will continue to do the Home Instead Christmas wreath tags in the winter and CARES in the spring.
5. Meeting dates and times: The chapter will continue to meet the first Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.. We will be meeting on Thursday, December 7th, 2017 to try to make up for the loss of CEU's this past year. Topic for that evening TBA.
6. Visani's: The chapter will continue our annual fund raiser at Visani's. The projected date will be on a Wednesday in January, 2018. We will try for January 17th, 2018. Ruth Lapio will update on the final date.
7. Registration and hotel cost for the upcoming FSMA state meeting on November 4th, 2017: The chapter voted to pay for registration for active attending members. It was also voted to pay for two rooms with four members to a room for one night only. If the member decides to stay both nights, they will be responsible for the cost of the room. Names of who were going to attend were submitted to the treasurer at the meeting. Members must get their registration form to the treasure within 1 week so a check can be sent to FSMA. The treasurer will book two rooms this week. The reasoning behind this decision was to give members a chance to attend a state meeting who otherwise could not afford to go. This may or may not continue pending on budget constraints. There will be more information to follow on the registration form for the November chapter mini-seminar coming out this week on how an active attending member may get part or all of registration and possible room paid for the annual FSMA meeting in May, 2018

Announcements:

1. Next meeting is Thursday, November 2nd, 2017. The topic is colitis. There will be a business meeting afterward to elect officers.
2. FSMA fall seminar is Saturday, November 4th, 2017 in Daytona.
3. The chapter's fall mini-seminar is on Saturday, November 18th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.. The topic is diabetic education by Cristina Dethloff, CDE. The chapter has decided to do three mini-seminars a year: February, April and November. These will be half days from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No registration fee.
4. The chapter's annual Christmas party will be at Carrabba's on Saturday, December 9th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
5. Newsletter deadline is December 1st, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Nemanick, CMA, Recording Secretary for the Southwest Chapter of Medical Assistants.

FEATURE SPEAKER: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

The topic is being presented by Hospice. There will be a brief business meeting following the speaker.

SWCMA welcomes all members, medical professionals, friends, colleagues and individuals interested in health care issues.

There will be a \$5.00 fee for non-members who want their CEU's listed with the AAMA.



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017 (REMEMBER THIS IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FAWCETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 6:30 PM EDUCATION STARTS

12/9/17 Christmas party/ornament exchange at Carrabba's in Port Charlotte 6:30 p.m.

IDEAS WELCOME FOR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS. PLEASE CALL 662-0177 OR E-MAIL JUDY SEYMOUR AT judymseymour@gmail.com OR DENIEE JOZEFIK AT 941-286-8551 DJCMA@COMCAST.NET



We're on the web!
Go to: FSMAONLINE.ORG
Then go to "Chapter Events"
to find the Southwest Chapter.

Our current Bylaws can also
be found on our website.



SOUTHWEST DIRECTORY

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