

DENTIST AIDE PROGRAM
Minutes – October 25, 2006 @ 7:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Vaclav - Chairperson, Dr. Wilkie, Angela Kemp

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Dana Scott, Andrea Hunt, Bill Crawford, Dr. Matney, Pilar Suarez, Stephanie Jenkins

1. Welcome – Ms. Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the November 30, 2005, were approved as written.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Ms. Suarez reported the Dr. Little will present a workshop and Dr. Cooley will be presenting a review, lunch and a test on January 12 for assistants to receive their infection control, jurisprudence, and radiology certifications (new RDA State Exam) for \$95.
4. Student Representative(s) – Absent. However, Ms. Scott reported that the students are in the process of learning impressions, instrumentation, bitewings, bleaching trays, cements, patient care, etc. Dr. Wilkie and Dr. Vaclav said the dental assistants are a very important part of their office and stressed that chair-side manners are imperative. They both agreed that the Dentist Aide Program is a very good program and that Ms. Scott is doing an excellent job. The students will be selling candles and toothbrushes this year. The money will be used to help with their end of the year banquet, and to buy thank-you gifts for the dental offices.
5. Directors Report – Ms. Scott reported on the new RDA State Exam. The exam will consist of infection control, jurisprudence, and radiology wrapped up into one test, instead of three separate tests. The students have taken the nitrous oxide exam, and out of 14 students, 8 passed on the first try, 3 failed the first attempt, 2 passed on the second try, and 3 have not taken it yet. Dr. Vaclav was very impressed that 8 passed the first time. Both Scott and Dr. Vaclav said the test is very difficult.
6. Old Business – The program has changed the clinic rotation this year. Due to the immunization laws, and the Hepatitis B series, students clinic rotation will be start in the spring semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners mandated that dental assistants are required to obtain and certify in 6 hours of CEU's each year.
7. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant.
