

Minutes from Meeting Tues., May 11, 2 pm

Nightingale Society North America

Present: All except Joan Sinclair, Eleanor Adarna and Charlene Harrington

Chair: Anne Clarke

- 1) As this was Nursing Week everyone had a bit of information on plans though we are still in Covid with restrictions.
- 2) Candy was very successful with channeling Nightingale organized by Donna -Zeta Phi for her nursing week event and called Nightingale –Cassandra.
- 3) Candy does for the first part Nightingale and then transforms and becomes herself all very interesting and informative. Candy is in high demand.
- 4) Carolyn and Anne talked about the Nightingale 2020 web where recently Bruce (Toronto Island) was celebrated and highlighted with pictures of him and the doctor delivering vaccines to the elderly. It was noted we are still getting a lot of hits on the site.
- 5) A letter celebrating Nursing Week from the Dr. Michelle Acorn, Ontario Provincial Secretariat was circulated though she is now Chief Nurse of International Council of Nurses.
- 6) Several themes for nursing week were shared all slightly different-who, INC, ONA etc.
- 7) Lynn gave her report on the Florence Nightingale Society and highlighted a letter sent April 21/2021 to Greta Westwood CBE of the Florence Nightingale Foundation challenging the recent decision to promote Mary Seacole Awards in partnership at the Foundation. 31 individuals signed the letter and others were encouraged to write a letter on their own.
- 8) There was nothing further discussed regarding Nursing Clo after many attempts previously to challenge the comments on Nightingale as a racist-1 article in particular.
- 9) Lynn discussed the importance of Kofoworola Abeni Pratt a black Nigerian nursing leader . She is a nurse worthy of more attention and we should promote and recognize.
- 10) The trip to Dayton was briefly mentioned as it is doubtful due to Covid.
- 11) As an aside Candy has a wonderful itinerary to London /Paris -discovering Nightingale's haunts - just was not viable at the time but maybe later.