

## SEFANN Zoom Meeting Minutes 5/19/2026

**Attending:** Rene Bascoy, Jennifer Bilecki, Derek Sippio, Julie Fullerton (*Monica at Nicklaus Childrens*)

1. **Treasury report:** TBA
2. **Membership:** Current membership is 27
3. **Community:** Derek reported on progress with Hot Topics Conference and with updates from our community.
  - a. In Miami-Dade there is a transportation service for moms that helps them get to prenatal appointments, NICU visits to be with their infants and other medically related transportation. This service can potentially improve maternal health and infant outcomes in our community. Derek learned about it from a nurse at Jackson and said that he will investigate, find out more about the scope of their services, etc. and bring back information to our next meeting. He also mentioned St. Louis Hospital focusing on Sustainability that he will find out more about. See Hot Topics update below(8).
4. **Programming:** We can look at planning a Restaurant meeting this summer. In a quick poll it looked like everyone was available on June 17. Jennifer will text Monica to see if she is open and then we can ask the new Vendor from Urgo if they can host that date in the Pembroke Gardens area as it is a central location for Dade and Broward attendees with easier access than other locations we have used.
5. **Fundraising:** (*Position open*) Through chapter membership dues and conference hosting.
6. **Advocacy position open**
7. **Research:** *position open*
8. **Hot Topics Conference Oct 2, 2026:** Derek spoke with his contact at Airport Hilton DoubleTree and October 2 is available for us!! He said we just need to make our menu selections and then place a deposit to secure the date.
  - a. We discussed pricing: How to decide on a reasonable vendor fee and conference fee for attendees. Derek said he will create a mock scenario for us with 10 vendors and 40 attendees to test numbers, this Break Even Analysis will help us with our pricing goals for income and expenses. Jennifer requested information from our last conference and Julie said she would provide information that she has. Also, Monica has the final numbers on the previous 1-day conference.
  - b. Vendors: The most we can fit in the Atrium area is 12 vendor tables. If there are more, we can overflow into the next room. A fee of \$700.00 per table was discussed as not too high and not too low. Julie has the current vendor list and can send them a letter stating the date and location and save the date information. She said she can send a follow up registration letter when we set pricing. Also, she mentioned that a new vendor from Urgo Medical wants to participate.
  - c. Menu: Jennifer suggested making a poll for menu selection that we can vote on quickly so the deposit can be made. She requested info. from previous conference. Julie will provide any notes on previous menu selection.
  - d. Topics, Speakers, Posters: Julie mentioned iCU Baby and also asked about previous speakers on Infectious Disease trends and Short Gut bowel rehab.. Rene said he will contact ID Dr. Gonzalez and see what he has been working on. Rene also suggested we could look through requests for future topics and see what attendees were interested in. Jennifer said that GI speaker was Dr. Duro, we agreed she is an interesting speaker. Jennifer said that she will ask her fellow Ph.D. students if anyone would like to present a topic. She requested the schedule for presentations. Julie will send the schedule of courses from our previous conference to the group along with other pertinent conference information.
9. **New Business:**
10. **Meeting adjourned :** meeting adjourned, next meeting is June 16 at 6:00 PM.