

***ELPNA Meeting August 15, 2018***

***3:30 PM CST via Conference Call***

***Attendees: Carol DeSchepper, Chair  
 Marie Wiegert, Region 3, Vice Chair  
 Andy West, Secretary  
 June Sand, Treasurer  
 Marilyn Johnson, Region 1  
 Phyllis Bruce (Membership), Region 3  
 Carolyn Crowe, Lu Kimpel, Region 4  
 Deloris Bills, Region 6  
 Marilee Tollefson, Ruth Manchester, Region 8  
 Nancy Roberts,  
 Marilyn Kranich, Region 9***

<b><i>Topic/Agenda Item</i></b>	<b><i>Discussion</i></b>	<b><i>Action</i></b>	<b><i>Responsible Person/Timeline</i></b>
1)Welcome and Introductions	The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call.	None	
2) Opening Prayer	Marie Wiegert offered opening devotions.	None	
3)Approval/Addition to Agenda	Carol asked for additions to the Agenda.		
4)Approval of Minutes	Carol presented the June Minutes for approval. Moved to approve the minutes as sent out.	MSP	
5)Treasurer's Report	a. June presented the Treasurer's report. Total National Funds: \$15,123.00; Regional Funds: \$7,109.87 Savings 7,250.00 b. The printing of 1,000 brochures came to \$460.00. c. Money is still being held in William's Way and the Thrivent accounts. Carol asked for suggestions for the use of these restricted funds. June suggested that scholarships could be funded. It was also suggested that the Thrivent account be used		

	for national meetings, such as youth gathering or Churchwide assembly. A motion was made that these funds be reserved for Churchwide assembly or other national church meetings.	MSP	
6)Membership Report	<p>Phyllis stated that the current membership stands at 128. Region three has 72 members.</p> <p>She has sent out a reminder on June 11 to 32 people who had been members in 2017 but had not renewed this year. There are fourteen new members for this year. Discussion was held about those who have sent in membership application with fees late in the calendar year. It was suggested that we stipulate that any membership received in the last quarter will be applied to the membership fee for the next year. Phyllis said that she routinely did this and will reinforce this information on the web site. Another suggestion was for the regional directors to send out reminders via USPS and include a returned envelop. It was decided to start with a computer reminder in September with a reminder by USPS in January to those who haven't responded. Discussion was held concerning members who do not regularly access a computer. Lu asked what membership benefits a member has who does not use a computer. Members will be asked via e-mail how they want to receive information from the organization.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding changes that were suggested to the Membership Form; it was decided that only information that we use would be placed on the form.</p>	<p>Reminders will be sent out via e-mail and USPS for those not responding to the e-mail reminder.</p> <p>No changes will be made at this time.</p>	Phyllis Bruce will send out e-mail reminder; regional directors will send out USPS reminders.
7) 2018 Goals	<p>Carol opened the discussion on the 2018 Goals.</p> <p>Goal 1: Ongoing</p> <p>Goal 2: The new brochure is completed and printed. Carol has already sent out two packets of brochure, one to Texas and the other to Florida. The brochure can be downloaded from the web site and printed by individual regional directors.</p> <p>Goal 3: The video by Peace Lutheran, Florida, will have a direct link on the web site.</p> <p>Goal 4: Discussion was held on the blog and whether the cost justified the use by members. Yvette has paid for the additional cost of maintaining the blog.</p>	<p>Goal 1 – we will continue to look for opportunities.</p> <p>Goal 2 – brochure printed and placed on web site.</p> <p>Goal 3 – This video can be used by others via web site.</p> <p>Goal 4 – Yvette will be reimbursed and the blog will be monitored for use.</p>	<p>Board of Directors</p> <p>Carol and BOD</p> <p>Phyllis</p> <p>Phyllis</p>

	<p>Goal 5: Ongoing Goal 6: Discussion was held on the leadership succession and regional representatives.</p> <p>Goal 7: Discussion was held on which seminaries would be contacted. It was decided that a letter would be sent to all of the seminaries, board members may choose to personally visit one close to them or serve as a contact person for information rather than personally visit.</p> <p>Goal 8: No response to our letter has been received from the ELCA Secretary.</p> <p>Goal 9: The committee continues to work on this goal, re. selecting resources. Discussion was held about the best format for the web site to present the resources.</p> <p>Goal 10: Completed Goal 11: Completed</p>	<p>Goal 5 – ongoing Goal 6 – e-blast will be sent to membership about serving on board. Goal 7 – letter to all 7 seminaries will be sent to the faculty responsible for congregational and community care programs.</p> <p>Goal 8 – a letter will be sent to Bishop Eaton. Goal 9 – investigate cost of changes to web site, adding drop down tab.</p> <p>An updated status report will be sent out to the board.</p>	<p>BOD Phyllis</p> <p>June</p> <p>June</p> <p>Board committee and Phyllis</p> <p>Carol</p>
8) Churchwide Assembly, August 5-19, 2019	Carol will continue to monitor our participation for the event.		Carol
9) Communication Committee Report	Phyllis - Regional web pages – please look and update information. Regional board members are responsible for keeping the information current. Carol commented that this is the members way to connect with the organization. Ruth stated that the hospital in her area will be celebrating 25 years of parish nursing in the area.	Regional board members are encouraged to monitor their web pages and send additions or deletations to Phyllis.	Regional directors
10) Comments on the ELCA Social	Carol reported that we decided not to respond as an organization to the two social statements of the ELCA.	Members were encouraged to	

Statements		comment individually.	
11) Volunteer for devotion/prayer for September Meeting	Marilee Tollefson	None	
12) Prayer and other concerns	Members volunteering to serve the organization – Florida via red tide attaching the coast line – Marie’s foot is healing – natural disasters (flooding and fires) – Nancy’s son-in-law who is 50% done with drug trials – Cindy Harris’s husband health.	None	
13) Closing prayer	Marie closed the meeting with prayer.	None	

Respectfully,  
Andrea West, Secretary