

*ELPNA Region 3 Board Meeting
September 10, 2012*

Attendees: Mary Jo, Hallberg, Chair, Phyllis Bruce, Secretary, Ann Rabie, Lydia Volz, Rose Umland, Jeanne Mugge, Jean Bokinski, Deb Bowman

Excused/absent: June Sand (excused), Cathy Smith

<i>Topic/Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible Person/ Timeline</i>
Call to Order	At 12:45		
Opening Devotions:	Jeanne Mugge		
Review and Accept Agenda	Agenda was reviewed.	MSC to accept as written	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes were reviewed.	MSC to accept as written	
Business			
Nominations for officers and new board members:	The ballot as of today includes: Mary Jo will stay one more year as chair, Rose Umland, Vice Chair, Phyllis Bruce, Secretary. We still need someone for Treasurer. Members at large, June Sand, Mary Nordvet,. We would like to have a couple more members at large. Ann and Phyllis will be contacting two more individuals. We will have to agree on the ballot via e-mail.	Make the calls and inform the board.	Ann and Phyllis by
Voting	Currently, as stated in the bylaws, members have to be present for their vote to count. Discussed a by-law revision to make it possible to vote via e-mail. A proposed revision to these by-laws needs to be published in a mailing to all members at least 5 days before the Annual Meeting. Proposed Amendments: Article 7:1.4 #3 add via e-mail Article V.3 Board Elections – “Directors will be elected by a majority vote of the current membership. Members unable to attend may vote by e-mail no later than 5 days before the Annual meeting.” We recognize that times are changing and we want everyone to feel involved as we move forward. We must base our decisions on what is best for our organization as a whole. Carol felt it would be less cumbersome to have the entire vote by electronic mail. This means we would have to seek nominations before hand from the membership at large.	Present proposal at Annual Meeting	Mary Jo
Resolution on Honoring Choices:	Mary Jo is collecting data about this. Hope to have this pulled together as a model to encourage congregations to support education and use of Honoring Choices publications. The National Board found it an interesting possibility but felt we need to be careful about what resolutions we should support. We thought that topics related to life saving decisions and moral issues that affect health would be the types of issues we would want to support.	Continue discussion with the National Board.	Phyllis to have this put on National Agenda for October and discuss at Retreat.
Budget for 2012	Jeanne Tempero presented 2013 budget as discussed by the Executive Committee and Jeanne will e-mail the written budget to us. This will be presented at the Annual Meeting.	MSC that we approve the budget . Present 2013 budget at Annual	Jeanne Tempero

National Retreat, October 5-7 at Stub Hall, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN	Everyone on this Board is invited to attend any part that would fit with their schedules, if unable to attend the whole retreat. Please let Phyllis know of attendance if you plan to attend the catered meal on Friday or would want a boxed lunch on Sunday.	Meeting Send draft of the schedule and program to Phyllis, who will send to rest of the board.	Carol and Phyllis
Executive Committee Reports	<p>Chairman: Mary Jo Hallberg - no report</p> <p>Chairman: Ann Rabie had knee replacement 2 weeks ago and is doing well. Well</p> <p>Treasurer: Jeanne Tempero - Checkbook balance as of August 13, is 2677.56. Savings account balance: \$4507.04.</p> <p>Secretary: Phyllis Bruce - no report</p>		
<p>Standing Committee Reports</p> <p>Communications:</p> <p>Membership:</p>	<p>We now have access to the web site and will be able to make changes more quickly.</p> <p>We discussed asking National to help fund 1/3 the costs for the updating and re-programing of the web site. The National membership is 1/3rd of total membership and Region 3 has the other 2/3 of the membership..</p> <p>Region 3 = 87 All others = 49 Total = 136.</p> <p>We need to update the membership form. Discussed adding a note on the bottom to allow sharing of the names of members on a list that would be available at the Annual Meeting. It will read: do not want my name listed on a membership list that will be available at the Annual Gathering. This would start in 2013</p>	<p>Update and send out e-blast about Annual Meeting</p> <p>E-mail Lori Tormey, Chair, and Nancy Deetz, Treasurer and request to have this added to the September agenda</p> <p>Update the membership form and send to Jeanne Mugge and Rose Umland</p>	<p>Mary Jo</p> <p>Phyllis Bruce</p> <p>Phyllis</p>
<p>Ad Hoc Committee Reports</p> <p>Program/ Education</p> <p>Membership Task Force</p> <p>Outreach/Mission Task Force:</p>	<p>Jeanne Mugge and Rose Umland</p> <p>October 22, 2012 is our Fall Gathering and Annual Meeting. Time allowed for the annual meeting: should be 30- 45 min. Mary Jo reported that Deanne, the speaker, is available from 9-11 a.m</p> <p>Suggested we start at 8:30 am for Registration, and allow 15 min for the Honoring Choices presentation and 10 minutes for devotions.</p> <p>Table suggestions: Honoring choices, Lyngblomston, Luther Seminary, Benedictine Organization.</p> <p>No further updates. Will be continuing to work on this as we get into October.</p> <p>Will be needing to fill this committee with the new board in October. Reviewed criteria written by Task Force regarding eligibility for start-up grant. Since Lydia and Ann will be going off the board, it is recommended that their work be taken up by new members in the coming year. We thank them for the work they have done and will call them for consultation as needed.</p>	<p>Finish the program schedule, copy the membership forms and send out the mailing</p> <p>Get listing of ELCA churches in Region 3</p>	<p>Jeanne and Rose by September 22</p> <p>Phyllis and Deb</p>

National ELPNA News:	Phyllis reported that the National Board is working on the October Retreat. The Youth Gathering in New Orleans was a great success.		
Future Agenda Items	Next meeting: October 22, 2012 following the Fall Gathering and Annual Meeting		
Prayer Concerns	June, continued healing and renewal as she has finished the radiation.		
Closing Prayer	Offered by Mary Jo.		
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.		

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis Bruce, Secretary