

**ELPNA Region 3 Board Meeting**

**Date: January 16, 2017**

**Attendees: Sondra Weinzierl, Vice Chair, Brenda Bauer, Jean Bokinskie, Phyllis Bruce, Rene Compo, Sandy Connell, Carol DeSchepper, Beth Hanson, Becky Hulden, Jeanne Mugge, , Mary Nordtvedt, Pat Seavert, Marie Wiegert**

**Excused/absent: Rose Umland, Chair, Louise Nesdahl**

<b>Topic/Agenda item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person/ Timeline</b>
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Sondra Weinzierl, Vice Chair		
Opening Devotions:	Devotions were led by Jeanne Mugge		
Review and Accept Agenda	MSP	Accepted as written	
Approval of Minutes	From November 2016. MSP	Accepted as written	
<b>Business</b>			
a. Synod Assemblies update- Renee	Renee has drafted a letter to send to the Synods about our interest in having a presence at the Synod Assemblies. Discussion of when various Synods are meeting. If volunteers can't be found to be at the ELPNA Table, we will cancel our registration. Renee will send out a list of synod Assemblies when she gets all the information.	Send letter to Synods, and list of dates to members.	Renee C.
b. Discussion of questions regarding benefits of an ELPNA membership- Sondra and Mary (see attachment)	We had a very productive discussion related to the questions Mary and Sondra had developed. Sondra volunteered to write up the comments on these and we will complete the discussion and develop more specific recommendations for action.	Write up comments so far.	Sondra W.
c. Update on grant applications- Beth	Three grant applications were received and two have been awarded to the following churches: South Santiago Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, MN, and Lutheran Church of the Good shepherd in Moorhead, MN. Letters will be sent to the churches, announced on the web site, and in an e-blast.	Letter to churches E-blast and web site	Beth Phyllis
<b>Executive Committee Reports</b>	<b>Chair: Rose Umland – no report</b> <b>Vice-Chairman: : Sondra Weinzierl – no report</b> <b>Treasurer: Becky Hulden</b> : Currently \$\$4,239.83 in checking, and \$6,309.77 in Savings. <b>Secretary: Phyllis Bruce</b> Reminded that a few members need To fill out the conflict of Interest forms.		
<b>Standing Committee Reports</b>			
a. Executive	No Report		

<p>b. Membership: Phyllis Bruce</p>	<p>Region 3 = 55, other 8 National Regions = 31, Total = 86 Last January 55 total, 41/14 so we are way ahead of last year.</p>		
<p>c. Communications: Phyllis Bruce</p>	<p>Minutes from the January 11 meeting were sent out yesterday to all members to review. Phyllis highlighted that communication with the Syods will be an ongoing process of building relationships. There is a new blog on the web page and Phyllis will be including this announcement in the e-blast to encourage participation. The committee has developed a beginning of guidelines about organizations or individuals who ask us to post information on our web site. We will mainly be open to non-profit organizations that fit our mission and goals, and that are not politically oriented or politically controversial. We will continue to use our own discretion. A question was raised about a request from Whole Person Associates in Duluth. It is a for-profit organization, but was instrumental in promoting parish nursing in the Duluth area. Jean B. volunteered to check with Pam Franklin, the parish nurse coordinator for Duluth. It was Also suggested that if we do accept an appropriate for-profit organization, there should be a charge. This will require further discussion.</p>	<p>Check with Pam Franklin</p> <p>Discuss asking for payment for a for-profit organization to have a link on our web site</p>	<p>Jean B.</p> <p>Communication Committee</p>
<p>d. Marketing/ Promotion: Renee Compo</p>	<p>See “a” under Business.</p>		
<p>e. Outreach/Mission: Beth Hanson</p>	<p>Beth and Mary are seeking ways to connect with our Mpls. and St. Paul Synods. They are planning to bring them some healthy treats and health information in Spring (March) and Fall. They will also coordinate with Communications committee, and Membership Committee. At present there is nothing on any Synod Website about Parish/Faith Community Nursing. Will meet with Communication and Membership Committees before the March meeting. It was noted that the Lutheran Deaconess Association, and St. Cloud Fellowship of Christian Nurses both have a link on their web sites for our ELPNA. We should add their links to our web site.</p>	<p>Schedule combined meeting</p>	<p>Beth, Phyllis and Mary</p>
<p>f. Programs /Education: Jeanne Mugge</p>	<p>Fall renewal is basically in place for Oct. 13-14. Spring Renewal is May 1, all preparations going well.</p>		
<p>g. Bylaws: Jean Bokinskie</p>	<p>The signed hard copy of the Bylaws updated in October 2016 will be kept in the Secretaries notebook. The copy put on the web site will not have signatures.</p>	<p>Put 2016 updated Bylaws on web site.</p>	<p>Phyllis</p>
<p>National ELPNA News: Carol DeSchepper</p>	<p>Finalizing 2017 goals at next meeting.</p>		

Future Agenda Items	Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 20, 2017, Luther Seminary Olson Dining Room, 2481 Como Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108 Devotions: Pat Seavert		
Closing Prayer	By Sondra		
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm		

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis Bruce, Secretary