

ELPNA Region 3 Board Meeting

Date: September 14, 2015

Attendees: Rose Umland, Chair, Phyllis Bruce, June Sand, Carol DeSchepper, Mary Nordtvedt, Lois Larson, Beth Hansen, , Rene Compo

Excused/absent: Becky Hulden Jeanne Mugge, Marilyn Pucossi, Jeanne Bokinskie

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Responsible Person/ Timeline
Call to Order	At 1:15 by Rose Umland		
Opening Devotions:	Given by Rene Compo. Reading from The Cup of Our Life by Joyce Rupp, on The Cup of Compassion.	November devotions	Phyllis Bruce
Review and Accept Agenda	Amend to add Redistribution of Membership dues.	MSP to accept as amended	All
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from July 2015 review were reviewed.	MSP to accept as written	All
Business			
a. Update on Fall Renewal/Gathering plans- Jeanne	Need to register on line or call Kairos. Another reminder needs to be sent. No update on how many have registered so far. June will set up our table display. Board members should plan to come at 2:30 pm. to help.	Send out e-mail reminder	Phyllis
b. Bylaw updates approval	MSP to accept as revised. Should be sent out to all current members.	E-mail revised by-laws to current Region 3 members	Phyllis
c. Discussion on changing the meeting dates of the Board- Rose	To facilitate Jean Bokinskie's attendance at our meetings, we decided to change the meeting date for November only. Therefore, the November meeting we be Thursday, November 12 (second Thursday).at 12:30 pm. Need to request a different room. Rose will contact Karen Treat	Request a room for this day and time.	Rose
d. Dues Redistribution discussion - Phyllis	National had discussion of increasing dues and decided this was not a good time. It was suggested we could change the distribution to 50/50, so each gets \$15 instead of the current \$10 to National and \$20 to the Regions. Rationale is that National is now fully paying for web site costs and other Regional funds are not being used. This would mainly affect Region 3. Some discussion and questions. We looked at the 2014 National Financial Statement. It was decided to move the discussion for November as we do not have the expertise of Becky, our Treasurer, and our portion helps fund the Scholarships we give out.	Table discussion until November	New Chair add to Agenda
Executive Committee Reports	Chairman: Rose Umland. Reported on a new opportunity she has with Fairview. Vice-Chairman: Treasurer: No report Secretary: Phyllis Bruce – no report		
Standing Committee Reports			
a. Communications: Phyllis Bruce	Phyllis relayed a plan suggested by Mary Jo Halberg, that we start working on connecting with the communications person in each synod. They have the updated e-mail addresses of the pastors for each congregation in the Synods. They have previously been reluctant to give	Continue to report progress on this	Communication Committee Members

us access to this information. But what if we could make contact with the communications person for each synod and see if it would be possible for us to send information to him/her that could then be sent out to the pastors. We will test this idea in Region 3. Mary Jo will contact the synod communications person in the St. Paul Synod, June will do the same for the Minneapolis Synod, Nancy for the SE Synod, and Carol is willing to do this for her Synod. If this works on a smaller scale, we could then encourage other Regions to do this.

b. Membership: Phyllis Bruce	Region 3 = 68 Other 8 Regions = 46 Total = 115 Same total as last year but 70/45 Tried to contact those who have not renewed since 2012 to see if want to be removed from list and share any reasons why chose not to renew that would be helpful to us in the future – three responded, all wanted to be dropped from the mailing list.	Will drop all names who have not renewed since 2010	Phyllis
c. Bylaws: Jean Bokinski	See Discussion under Business b.		
d. Missions - Beth Hansen	E-blast was sent out today to churches and synods on Region 3. 694 sent 81 opened so far. Mentoring piece is still being worked out. Mostly need to provide support and encouragement. We want to be available, but not interfere. Should send dues form to grant recipients and let them know their dues are covered for 2016.	.Send 2016 dues form to Beth	Phyllis
e. Program/ Education: Jeanne Muge	Nothing further. June will contact Marilyn about the display table		
f. Outreach/ Marketing: Marilyn Pucossi	June has more DVD's and received a nice note about using the DVD. Has 100 at cost of \$150. Now available. Check web site for current info.		
National ELPNA News:	National approved the description of Marketing/promotion committee and now will work on finding members. Also completing the description of the National Communications committee. To be added to By Laws by vote in October. Even though it is the same committee for now, the National duties will be more extensive. National has had difficulty getting a quorum at conference call to conduct business. Sept meeting was cancelled. Need to discuss further. Discussing possibility of ordering tee shirts with Logo that could be sold at Westberg, our Gatherings, synod and church wide gatherings. 10 Board Members met at Westberg at a very nice restaurant.		
Future Agenda Items	Next meeting: Note Change Thursday, November 12 at 12:30, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, Room TBD	November devotions	Phyllis
Prayer Concerns	June, Becky		
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.		

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis Bruce, Secretary