

**ELPNA Region 3 Annual Board Meeting**  
**Date: October 28, 2013**

<b>Topic/Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person/ Time line</b>
Call to Order	At 11:35 by Mary Jo, Chair		
Opening Devotions:	Devotions were given at the start of the workshop by Pastor Mark R. Aune	None	
Review and Accept Agenda	The Agenda was reviewed and accepted as written	None	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the Annual Meeting from last year will be posted on the web site.	Forward minutes to Phyllis	Deb Bowmen
<b>Business</b>			
Treasurer's Report	Deb Bowman, presented the current, Treasurers report and the proposed budget for 2014. We currently have \$1111.24 in checking and \$5160.63 in savings. Total income for 2013 was \$3160.00, and expenses were \$4366.26 The proposed budget for 2014 is Total Income \$3780.00 and Expenses, \$2445.00.	None	
Chairs Report	Mary Jo Hallberg, outgoing Chair, thanked the board members. She announced the recipients of the three \$500 Start up grants from 2013. The churches are: <b>All Saints Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids</b> , for The Welcome Place, a health and wellness ministry supported by several Lutheran churches in the area, and <b>Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester</b> - Avis Hagan, Coordinator of Small Groups and Shared Ministry. Avis was able to attend this meeting and gave an update about where they are in the process of their start up program. They have a Health Committee, are doing some programing ,and will be seeking a Parish Nurse soon. Forms for the 2014 grants are now available on the web site. The current Board authorized the hiring of a qualified person to develop an Excel spreadsheet of all Lutheran Churches in Region 3, and we have sent out a letter of introduction and information about the ELPNA to these churches. We want to plant seeds of parish nursing in all the churches.	None	
Nomination Chair report and election of Board Members	Mary Jo presented the ballot, Chair Rose Umland; Vice-Chair, open; Secretary, Phyllis Bruce; Treasurer, open. At large members, Beth Hanson, Gail Thompson, Lois Larsen. The candidates were presented by Mary Jo, and open positions were elicited from those attending times three. No nominations were offered. Candidates were voted on separately by voice vote. All those on the ballot were elected.	Will be meeting following the AGM	Outgoing and new members
<b>Standing Committee Reports</b>			
Communications, web site	Phyllis Bruce reported that we are now able to make changes and updates on the web site ourselves. That meant some training for those who were interested in helping with the web site. It has been a learning curve, but the web site is now nationally focused with information from the 9 Regions available in the "New's from the Regions" section. There is a lot of information and resources available, and we are trying to keep it up to date. In the "For Parish Nurses" section there is a devotional, which we would like to change each month and would appreciate some volunteers to sign up for a month. There are Healing Service bulletins in the "Tools for Parish Nurses" section that you are free to use for ideas that will fit your own churches. Minutes from both our Region 3 and the National Board of Directors Meetings are available. There is a research section under for	Request to send in a devotional to be put on the web site.  Check web site frequently	Everyone  Everyone

<p>Membership:</p> <p>By Laws: June Sand</p>	<p>the “For Parish Nurses “ section that has summaries of research specifically related to parish nursing. Currently Andy West from Colorado, has her notes from a conference, <i>Health, Science, and Faith: Is Medical Science in Need of Spiritual Care?</i> She cites research from the main speaker, Harold Koenig. She makes frequent updates so check it often. And there is so much more! It is worth checking out this wonderful resource.</p> <p>Region 3 total = 74  All other Regions = 53  <b>2013 total = 127</b></p> <p>In 2012 we had a total of 136, so we are a bit down and we hope to do better in 2014. It is hope that the communications we have had with the churches in Region 3, introducing our ELPNA and promoting the value of Parish Nursing, will prove helpful in attracting new members.</p> <p>A new benefit of membership this year is a 50% discount for subscribing to the Journal of Christian Nursing. This is a wonderful journal, offers CEU's and has articles specifically related to parish nursing. You will receive the discount code in the letter sent with the thank you for joining along with the 2014 Membership Card. I have tried this and it works perfectly. It saves you \$26 which almost pays for your membership!!</p> <p>The 2014 forms are now on the web site and you received one with the mailing for this gathering. Memberships are currently coming in. It is great to be part of this National organization and see how it continues to grow and promote parish nursing in our local synods and the church wide assemblies.</p> <p>The revisions have been completed and will be sent out by e-mail. The changes mainly are updating the wording, and need to be reviewed and voted on.</p>	<p>Send in Membership forms with 2014 dues payment</p>	<p>Everyone</p>
<p>National ELPNA News:</p>	<p>June Sand, reports we have 9 Regions in the National ELCA, we are Region three. We have representatives in 6 of the 9 Regions and are working to have representatives in all 9. Phyllis Bruce, June Sand, and Carol DeSchepper. are the representatives from our region. We are working on encouraging the Synods to keep an updated list of the Parish Nurses in each Synod. We have had a presence at the Synod and church wide assemblies. We have also taken over the maintenance of the web site. The other large gatherings where we have been present include the Men in Missions, Youth Gathering, and WELCA. We have vests for the parish nurses to wear at these events. We work in solo practices as parish nurses and need each other for encouragement and support. The ANA is developing an accreditation for parish nurses and several parish nurses nationally have applied to work on the committee. Two of the National Board Members are on a consultant group.</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Future Agenda Items</p>	<p>Next Annual Meeting will be in October 2014. Place TBA.</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 12:14.</p>		

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis Bruce, Secretary