

ELPNA Region 3 Board Meeting

Date: March 16, 2020

Attendees:; Becky Hulden, Chair; Phyllis Bruce, Vice-Chair; Rene Compo, Treasurer; Marie Wiegert, Secretary;; Sandy Connell, Louise Nesdahl, Carol DeSchepper, National Chair

Excused/absent: Linda Scott, Joanne Arneberg, Deb Bergstrom

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Responsible Person/ Timeline
Call to Order	By Becky Hulden, Chair		
Opening Devotions:	By Rene Compo. Reading the Poem "Pandemic" by Lynn Unger. As fear grips our country let us chose to have faith, hope and love.		
Review and Accept Agenda	Add Covid 19 virus discussion and how we are coping Moved to accept as amended by Louise Nesdahl, seconded by Renee Compo	MSP to accept as amended	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve January 2020 minutes by Louise Nesdahl, Renee Compo seconded	MSP to accept as written	
Business			
a. Covid 19 Discussion	a. Covid 19 and the work we are doing in our churches. Some things being done in our churches. Lutheran church check-list for pandemic. Forwarded to pastor and leaders. Not to hold services for 2 weeks. Conferred with other close Lutheran churches. AA meetings by Zoom up to 100 people for 40 minutes free. Education to members to limit social contacts. Broadcasting services online/streaming. Reminded to check the ELPNA web site, under Resources/General Resources. Phone tree for vulnerable population. Caring for mental health needs while staying at home. Mt. Olivet has radio station at 11 am on Sundays. No pastoral visits one on one. Lyngblomston, visitors limited to near death circumstances. Front door screening. Only door open. Drive-in church. No small groups. Physically distanced but can still stay socially connected.		
b. Welcome to new members: Joann Arneberg	Joann was unable to join us.		
c. 2020 Meeting Schedule and Location	For near future will have meetings via conference calls. Executive Committee will meet during even months at some time.	Reminders will be sent.	Becky
d. Conflict of Interest forms – signed for 2020 - Marie	Marie will send them and have to be sent via mail to her.	Send forms to members	Marie

<p>e. Update on Plan for 2020 – Becky and Carol Deschepper</p>	<p>Had meeting with friend of Becky's that supports nonprofits. ELPNA is an incorporated body. Both Region 3 and National have Bylaws. Only the incorporated body needs to have Bylaws. Can become incorporated. National organization with chapters/Regions. National should hold and handle the finances. Funds flow through and recorded by National organization. Propagation, web site, education of PN/s, outreach to Synods and Churchwide. Question what is the work in Region 3? Do we need a Board or can work be done by Committees? Board work vs work of organization. Possibly don't need to maintain Board in Region 3. Less than 150 people across US can function with one board. Regions/committees can help do the work of the Board. Need to discuss this over the next few months and have recommendations before end of the year. We have evolved as an organization, the National Board has become stronger, and the Regions need to function in relation to that. Also as a Region 3 Board we have a lot of resources that can be used by the National Board. National Board has goal of one educational program that could be streamed for each Region. Offering CEU's can be difficult on a National basis. Going through ACCN will meet requirements for most states. One state mentioned, Alabama, for approval that will meet criteria for all states. Still many questions to be answered. Carol wanted to express and recognize the value of the contribution to ELPNA for leadership. How to sustain a committee structure without having a board. Propose that before our next meeting we consider what questions we need to answer to keep doing this work in the future. Looking at the work we all are doing. We will talk about this in May. Becky will send out questions in the e-mail. What kind of support do we need to do our work in Region 3? Consider communication system, committee structure, mechanisms for accountability.</p>	<p>Send out these questions for discussion in May</p>	<p>Becky</p>
<p>f. Update on Education Plan for 2020 – Louise</p>	<p>Date Monday June 1, begin at 10:30 am for those who are coming from a distance. Phyllis will doing a monologue of Florence Nightengale and covering the History of Nursing. Need a title for this, objectives. Maybe we can do this on Zoom?? Carol offered us to use her account. Would need a moderator for the Zoom. Have not discussed any other educational offerings for 2020 or beyond. Will have more information in May.</p>	<p>Send objectives to Louise</p>	<p>Phyllis</p>
<p>Executive Committee Reports</p>	<p>Chair: Becky Hulden – no report other than the items above. Vice-Chairman: Phyllis Bruce. Phyllis met with Joann and Linda via conference call and went through the orientation sheet for new members. They have received the forms such as Bylaws, Board member responsibilities, Treasurer: Renee Compo has ability to go online at Wells Fargo. Email sent by Renee as to the Finances Secretary: Marie Wiegert - No report</p>		
<p>Standing Committee Reports a. Executive b. Membership:</p>	<p>b. Membership: We have a total of 78 members. Only 29 are</p>		

from Region 3 that Phyllis has, but there is hopefully more that have not been processed. We have 5 new Region 3 members and 12 new National members, so 17 new members total!! The problem in Region 3 is that Lydia Volz, who helps with the posting of the membership and sending thank you letters, had been visiting family, suffered a TIA, was hospitalized, recovering at her son's home in Missouri, and she said she was coming home today. March 16. We will see how that works out due to current travel restrictions. Phyllis will be working to get the Region 3 membership updated and thank you letters sent. June Sand is sending all the forms she has from August 2019 to present, as we accepted some late dues and applied to 2020. Lydia is hoping to get caught up and be able to help again. Phyllis could use some help on the Membership Committee, someone who would be willing to be trained to do the posting on Excel and send thank you letters, and help with finding/recruiting new members as well as contacting those who have not renewed.

c. Communications:
Phyllis Bruce

The Communications Committee is a National Committee, and a Region 3 Committee, but Phyllis is basically the only one on both Committees. Carolyn Crowe, from St. Louis, MO, and Carol DeSchepper, National Chair, from Iowa are on the National Committee. Nancy Deetz from Owatonna has been on the Committee, but she had a fracture and was having a long recuperation, and has not been in touch. So we could certainly use more members from Region 3. Nationally we deal with the web site, send out the every other month Newsletters, deal with Facebook, encourage members to be part of Westberg Knowledge Sharing site, called Yammer. This is a great way to be connected with PN's Nationally. ELPNA has a group on this site as well as a Lutheran Group. The instruction to join are on the web site. We are working to get a security warning taken off the site, get a search function added, and getting links between our Facebook and Website.

Locally we need to communicate better with the 9 Synods, keep up Region 3 web site page, and be mindful of the National Goals as well.

d. Marketing/
Promotion: Renee
Compo

No report, no goals, no plans for 2020.

e. Outreach/Mission:

Promotion grants: we have to have them confirmed by the board. The one application was a little low on numbers but the committee has decided to go forward with possibly a mentor. There will be 2 to be confirmed at the next board meeting.

f. Programs
/Education:
Louise Nesdahl

Goals: Online distribution of education and national CEUs. Possibly increasing our education event to 2 hours and also have it "live-streamed" for all the EPLNA regions. One of the goals for National is to have a 2 hour virtual event. Since Region 3

g. Bylaws:	<p>does the most concerning education this would be a good thing. The date has not been set yet.</p> <p>No Report</p>		
National ELPNA News: Marie Wiegert, Phyllis Bruce	<p>We have the 2020 Goals set, they can be found on the web site, under National News. They are future oriented and will help build our credibility in the National ELCA and seminaries, increase streaming educational sessions, increase membership and retention of members, strengthen infrastructure and leadership planning, continue awarding grants, increasing our public health advocacy. No official work on cancelling Westberg, but some have decided not to attend due to personal health reason.</p>		
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie will give devotions on May 18 • Next meeting: May 18, 1-2:20 pm via Zoom 	Add to agenda	Becky
Prayer Concerns	<p>Lydia Volz, TIA, Mary Nordtvedt surgery tomorrow for metastatic ovarian cancer. Plus more chemo. . Both Louise and Becky have been ill with a viral disease. All congregations and all God's people in this time of pandemic.</p>		
Closing Prayer	<p>By Becky</p>		
Adjournment	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 2:32 pm. by Becky</p>		

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Wiegert, Secretary
Phyllis Bruce, Vice Chair