

***ELPNA Meeting
June 20, 2012
3 PM via Conference Call***

***Attendees: Lori Tormey, President
Carol DeSchepper, Secretary
Nancy Deetz, Treasurer
Andy West, Region 2
Phyllis Bruce, Region 3 and Membership Chair
Carolyn Crowe, Norma Anderson, Region 4
Michelle Knapp, Region 5
Marilee Tollefson, Region 7
Nancy Roberts, Mana Master, Region 9***

<i>Topic/Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible Person/Timeline</i>
Welcome and Introductions	The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call	None	
Opening Prayer	Phyllis Bruce offered opening devotions.	None	
Approval/Addition to Agenda	Lori asked for additions to the agenda. There were no additions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.		
Approval of Minutes	Lori presented the May 15 minutes for consideration. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried.	None	
Treasurer's Report	Nancy Deetz presented the Treasurer's Report. It had earlier been emailed to the board. Carol DeSchepper asked if Region 3 will be added to this report in the future. Since they have their own Treasurer and bank account, Nancy does not handle their funds. It is anticipated that as other Regions develop their own officers/infrastructure, they also will be omitted from the report. We will report only funds held by National.	None	
Membership Report	Phyllis Bruce presented the membership report. There is no change from last month. There are a total of 133 members – 85 are from Region 3 and all other regions have 48 members.	Continue to recruit to ELPNA	Board Members

<p>Regional Reports</p>	<p>Region 1: No Report</p> <p>Region 2: Andy reported that there is a new Bishop in their Synod. They are working at getting information in the Synod newsletter to find out where parish nurses are located in the Synod.</p> <p>Region 3: Phyllis reported that Region 3 is working on getting a Task Force together to work on guidelines for distribution of funds for ministry startup. That money will come out of Region 3 funds. Also, for those who do not have access to the internet, we should make an offer to send out copies of the minutes. Carol will send the national minutes to the member in Region 3 who does not have internet access. Phyllis will send the Region 3 minutes to this member. The other two ELPNA Members without internet access will get the minutes from their Regional Representative. Phyllis will provide names and addresses to the Regional Representatives. The Fall gathering for Region 3 will be October 22. The speaker is a woman who has Stage 4 breast cancer. She will speak on the topic ‘What does our Lutheran Faith Tell us about Hope and Suffering?’</p> <p>Nancy (Deetz) mentioned that they are starting a Police Chaplaincy Program in her community. She has been selected to participate in the training, along with 5 other pastors.</p> <p>Region 4: Norma reported that a nurse in TX used the ideas from Region 3 for their Synod meeting display. She sent pictures back to Norma. She will also be using the display for the WELCA meeting in TX this fall. Norma continues to work on plans for the Youth Gathering ELPNA event. Norma asked for prayers for the event. Nancy asked about paying for Norma’s mileage for the event. Nancy Roberts spoke in support of doing that. The IRS rate for reimbursement is \$.555. Norma suggested reimbursing for gas, rather than for mileage. Nancy Deetz made a motion to pay mileage for Norma’s trip to New Orleans and back. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The group expressed their thanks to Norma and Mana. Lori asked that Norma and Mana submit other expenses that they might incur.</p> <p>Region 5: Michelle reported that Maureen went to the Metro Chicago Synod meeting. The ELPNA brochures were displayed. Michelle went to HMA in Nashville. The speakers were very good. The Affordable Care Act was discussed. Dr. Scott Morris from Church Health Center spoke on a panel. The CHC offers that we can reproduce materials that are produced by them. The ELPNA website should perhaps link to their website. Michelle shared the ELPNA brochures at a table talk. Michelle shared her experience. In her</p>	<p>Send minutes to members who do not have internet access.</p> <p>Provide names and addresses of those without internet access to regional representatives</p> <p>Pray for the success of the ELPNA event/display at the Youth Gathering</p> <p>Submit expenses to Nancy Deetz following the event</p>	<p>Regional representatives</p> <p>Phyllis Bruce</p> <p>Board Members</p> <p>Norma Anderson and Mana Masters</p>
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	<p>connections with others there was some degree of tension with those who are part of Lutheran denominations who have left the ELCA. Perhaps this is something that we are facing as an organization, but we don't even know the extent of the issue. We definitely are impacted by people/parish nurses that are upset by the decisions made in/by the church. This negativity can impact us. We should make a concerted effort to work with other denominations. This is something that we should discuss at the retreat. Marilee, who is part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, will look into whether the Denomination has a named point person. The question is then how do we want to reach out to other denominational groups?</p> <p>Region 6: No Report</p> <p>Region 7: Marilee mentioned that work is being done in Maryland around MOLST and other similar documents. She will be attending a train the trainer program. We should watch for these developments in other regions. Ruth and Marilee are still looking for ways to connect with others in their region.</p> <p>Region 8: Lori just finished their Synod Assembly, where she was the Synod Nurse. She was invited by their Bishop to do this. It was an experience that caused her to be hyper-vigilant and well-prepared. She had many interesting experiences. They are commissioning their latest parish nurse in two weeks and two more are taking the course. That will bring their total nurses to eight.</p> <p>Region 9: Nancy (Roberts) was part of their Synod Assembly in May. She connected with someone from the National Church-wide Office. She explained that we had been trying to get a letter to the Bishops about ELPNA. He will assist us in getting a letter to all the Bishops. Nancy will stay in contact with him.</p> <p>Nancy also asked about how other Regions use Advanced Practice Nurses. Mana shared that she communicates with them all the time, trying to link with them regarding care issues, the need for spiritual support for patients, etc. Carolyn also suggested that Nancy talk with the Church Health Center, as they may use APNs. It seems there are many models out there, whether aligning with mobile services, church based clinics, or other. Nancy also reported that she was given the name of the LCMS Coordinator for Florida/Georgia, but she had resigned. They are naming a new coordinator and Nancy will try to connect with that individual so they can partner with them for ELPNA.</p>	<p>Discuss the conflict between denominational groups and its impact on ELPNA as part of the retreat.</p> <p>Place on the retreat agenda</p> <p>Watch for discussions on MOLST and like documents in your region</p> <p>Continue to communicate with identified individual from church-wide regarding our ability to get a letter to the Bishops re: ELPNA and report to the board</p>	<p>Board members attending the retreat</p> <p>Lori Tormey</p> <p>Board Representatives</p> <p>Nancy Roberts</p>
Retreat Discussion	The dates for the retreat are October 5 -7 at Luther Seminary. Phyllis has reserved the location. The single rooms are \$30 per night. Double rooms are \$40 per night. The gathering rooms are available. Karen Treat will check on	Make plans to attend if available. Watch for the draft agenda	Board Members

	that for us. Food service will be through the food service line where we will pay for meals – or we can arrange to have meals and breaks catered to the gathering space. As far as we know, there will not be a charge for the meeting/gathering room, if Karen Treat is part of the event. Lori and Tammy are putting together a draft of the outline for our time together. It was suggested that different nurses be afforded the opportunity to provide morning and evening devotions. Lori will send out the draft outline to the group.	Send out draft retreat agenda to the Board, when available	Lori Tormey
Website	We need to decide how many months of minutes we want to carry/post on the Website. After discussion, it was felt that three months would be appropriate. The rest can be archived perhaps. Lori needs to get a hold of Karen or Mary Jo regarding next steps for getting Regional and National information on the website. According to Mary Jo we should soon have access to the website and making our own changes. Some members from Region 3 have gone to training. We need to pursue training and further information regarding converting the site to National. Phyllis stated that the conversion to National will be no later than January.	Contact Karen Treat and/or Mary Jo about next steps for the website	Lori Tormey
Youth Gathering Donation	The charity of choice for the Youth Gathering is the 100 Wells Challenge. What would we like to donate? We already have committed a little over \$1100 for expenses. Andy suggested we encourage our members to make donations to youth who are attending, rather than give money directly from ELPNA. We might also ask parish nurses to put columns in their newsletters about safe water in third world countries. There are wonderful resources at the www.elca.org/100wells website. In summary, we will not make a donation, but will encourage nurses to support and publicize the needs. Mana will send out a short synopsis for our use.	Encourage nurses/members of ELPNA to make a donation to youth from local congregations for the 100 Wells Challenge. Develop a short synopsis for our use	Board members Mana Masters
Questions/Thoughts/Prayer Concerns	Rose Mahlum's Family. Rose died last week and her funeral was Monday. June Sand (check her Caring Bridge Website for updates)	Continue to lift up these women and their families in prayer	Board Members
Next Meeting	There is no call scheduled for July. The next call is August 15 th . Carolyn Crowe will do devotions and closing prayer.		
Closing Prayer	Phyllis Bruce offered closing prayer.		

Respectfully,
Carol DeSchepper, Secretary