ELPNA Meeting August 15, 2012 3 PM via Conference Call

Attendees: Lori Tormey, President

Carol DeSchepper, Secretary

Andy West, Region 2 Phyllis Bruce, Region 3

Carolyn Crowe, Norma Anderson, Region 4

Michelle Knapp, Region 5

Marilee Tollefson, Ruth Manchester, Region 7 Mana Master, Region 9 Membership – Phyllis Bruce, Region 3 Tammy Devine, Board of Pensions, Retreat Facilitator

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action	Responsible
Item			Person/Timeline
Welcome and	The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call	None	
Introductions			
Opening Prayer	Carolyn Crowe offered opening devotions.	None	
Approval/Addition	Lori asked for additions to the agenda. Lori asked that we add to the agenda, some	Additional item will be	
to Agenda	sharing from Mana and Norma from the youth gathering. With that addition, a	discussed.	
	motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with this addition. The motion		
	carried.		
Approval of	Lori Tormey presented the June 20, 2012 minutes for consideration. Marilee noted	Make corrections and	Carol DeSchepper
Minutes	that in the report from Region 7, there is reference to POLST discussions. That	send minutes to be	
	should read MOLST. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with	posted to the website	
	this correction. The motion carried.		
Treasurer's Report	Nancy was not present at the meeting. The Treasurer's report had earlier been	None	
	emailed to the group. She is currently holding \$2367.75 in National Funds and		
	\$2790.00 in Regional Funds. Norma Anderson has been paid for her travel and		
	expenses to the ELCA Youth Gathering.		
Membership Report	Phyllis provided the board with a Membership Report. There are 87 members in		
	Region 3 and 49 in all other regions combined. That yields a total of 136 members.		
	There are still a lot of people who were members in 2011, who have not renewed for		
	2012. Phyllis requested new ideas for encouraging members to renew.		

	Lori feels that perhaps people are not called to membership at this time. Andy asked about PayPal – what it costs and how many people have asked to pay through electronic payment. Those on the call were unsure – but Lori thought it might be \$2.50 per transaction. Those on the call were not inclined to use Paypal personally, but it's unclear whether that is representative of the membership. Nancy has information on PayPal, but she is not on the call. The ability to offer the Paypal option also might be related to our ability to effectively use and to make changes to the website so it is current. Phyllis reported that at yesterday's Region 3 meeting, Mary Jo reported that she has been able to begin to make some changes to the website. It's been somewhat difficult to make the transition from paying someone for website hosting to ELPNA members/board making changes. Lori suggested she would contact Mary Jo to encourage her and to see if and how she can be helpful in the transition. Carol feels that the website is the major point of contact for ELPNA for members in almost every region, especially those outside of Region 3. Tammy Devine says the important question is what are we offering our members that will make them want to join and to stay engaged? Sue Ann Glusenkamp just provided a name from Region 1 to Lori. This person was unfamiliar with ELPNA. A vibrant, dynamic website is needed.	Follow-up with Mary Jo Hallberg	Lori Tormey
Retreat Discussion	Reservations have been made for 20 people. There may not be that many people. Lori will do another email for the final count. Lori verbally highlighted the proposed agenda/schedule. Phyllis asked whether setting goals is part of visioning. She feels that goal setting will be key. Tammy commented that the Strategic Planning time will include that process. The retreat will be a working time, but Tammy and Lori have tried to build in wellness activities and rest. Discussion followed on getting from the Airport to Luther Seminary. It will be about ½ hour to get to Luther Seminary. Phyllis offered to meet people and transport them, if needed. There is not a shuttle to Luther. Tammy suggested that someone coordinate the arrival times of flights and to see if Region 3 members can assist with transportation.	Have flight information available at our next call, if transportation is desired. Also, between now and then, send flight confirmation to	Lori Tormey Board members
		Phyllis when it's available. Assist with transportation planning	Phyllis Bruce

ELCA Youth	Norma and Mana shared information on the youth gathering. Norma was so	Thank you, Mana and	Board Members
Gathering Report	impressed by all the great Lutheran kids. It gives her great faith in the future of the	Norma!!	Board Memoers
	church. Two hundred six (206) blood pressures were taken for youth, pastors, and		
	workers at the convention center. Those who got their blood pressure checked were		
	from 26 different states and Puerto Rico. Mana estimated that they talked to over 500		
	kids. The goal was to teach youth how people are marginalized by their disabilities.		
	They talked about how the youth can help make the worship experience more		
	meaningful for those with disabilities. Some nurses who were in attendance stopped		
	by and picked up ELPNA materials. All materials were distributed. A lot of the		
	information on Lutheran Colleges and Lutheran nursing programs was also picked up.		
	Many pastors were not familiar with parish nursing, so this was an opportunity to		
	educate and promote it. The group expressed their gratitude to Norma and Mana for		
	the work done and for touching so many lives. Mana is already planning ahead for		
	the next event in Detroit in 2015. Thousands of volunteers are needed for an event		
	like this.		
	Mana spoke briefly about the 100 Wells Challenge. She had not heard the final count		
	on wells built with donations. We should check the website for more information.		
Questions/Thoughts	Region 3 asked Phyllis to talk with the National Board about how we (ELPNA or a	Add to the September	Lori Tormey
	Region) can lend support to or endorse a Synod proposal. The example shared is an	Agenda	
	anticipated resolution supporting 'Honoring Choices Minnesota'. Region 3 ELPNA		
	is discussing putting their name on the resolution and writing a statement of support.		
G . 1 . 1	Referred to the next agenda.	A 11 1 . 0 1	
September Agenda	• Transportation for the retreat – from the airport to Luther Seminary	Add to the September	Lori Tormey
Items	IPNRC Research Meeting – Andy West and Carol DeSchepper	Agenda	
	• Endorsing/supporting Synodical resolutions/agendas as Regions or as a		
	National Organization.		
	Devotions will be offered by Andy West		
Prayer Concerns	Norma asked about June Sand. She is about half way through her radiation	Hold these people and	Board Members
	and is doing quite well. Please continue to pray for her.	intentions in prayer	
	Lori's Daughter, Brittany		
	 People who are going off to college 		
Next Meeting	September 18, 2012 at 3 PM CT	Plan to attend	Board Members
Closing Prayer	Carolyn Crowe offered closing prayer.		

Respectfully, Carol DeSchepper, Secretary