

***ELPNA Meeting April 18, 2018  
3:30 PM CST via Conference Call***

***Attendees: Carol DeSchepper, Chair  
Marie Wiegert, Region 3, Vice Chair  
Andy West, Secretary  
June Sand, Treasurer  
Karen Setzer, Region 2  
Phyllis Bruce (Membership), Nancy Deetz, Region 3  
Deloris Bills, Region 6  
Rose Sutkins, Region 7  
Marilee Tollefson, Region 8  
Nancy Roberts, Region 9***

<b><i>Topic/Agenda Item</i></b>	<b><i>Discussion</i></b>	<b><i>Action</i></b>	<b><i>Responsible Person/Timeline</i></b>
1)Welcome and Introductions	The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call.	None	
2) Opening Prayer	Andy West offered opening devotions.	None	
3)Approval/Addition to Agenda	Carol asked for additions to the Agenda. Nancy will give a report of the Westberg.	Accepted with the changes.	
4)Approval of Minutes	Carol presented the March Minutes for approval. No corrections were identified. Moved to accept the minutes	MSP that we accept the March minutes.	
5)Treasurer's Report	June presented the Treasurer's Report. National Funds: \$7,753.00; Regional Funds: \$7,048.00. Budget was sent to the board previously. Discussion was held on possible money requirements of the accepted goals. June suggested an amount of \$1,000 for Outreach (Goal 3 & 7). Phyllis reported that she	Accepted report.  MSP that the proposed budget with the two additions of \$1,000 for Outreach and \$250.00 for Constant Contact be accepted.	

	<p>uses Constant Contact, a program owned by Region 3, for all the e-blasts she sends ELPNA members. The cost of this program has never been converted to a national expense. June suggested that \$250.00 be designated to Region 3 in part payment for Constant Contact. Questions came up about the money for the National Retreat for this year; it was felt that the budget item be left as is. June reviewed proposed Yearly Income and Yearly Expenses and noted that, with the two suggestions, the expenses to be greater than the income. June moved that the budget with the two additions be approved.</p>		
6)Membership Report	<p>Phyllis Bruce reported 111 total members, last year at this time there were 119. June reported that she has 5 more making the total 116. Reminders have been sent to those who had not renewed a separate note to those who had not renewed for several years to determine continued interest but no responses have been returned. Carol asked the directors if they had an opportunity to contact members who had not renewed. Karen reported that she had made an effort and talked with those who had not known about the web site; several shared information on their own struggles with health issues and requested resources for their practice. Karen found some who were new members. Lu had contacted all the members in Texas with plans to arrange a meeting of this group. Phyllis suggested adding a section on the blog about prayer concerns; June commented that we would need permission of the individual before posting information unless the person posted the information her/himself.</p>	<p>Carol suggested that any personal contact the board members can make will help to increase membership.</p>	.Board members
7) Westberg 2018	<p>Nancy reported that this was the smallest Westberg</p>	<p>Nancy suggested that more information is</p>	

	<p>she has ever attended. She had concerns about the ability of the program to grow in the coming year. She felt that there were between 200-300 attendees. One presentation she attended was about the Scope and Standards which she felt provided superficial information. There was no discussion about the demise of the ANCC certification process. Westberg Institute (WI) did present a new initiative, an educational process to enhance your spiritual care practice and earn a certification in chaplaincy. She stated that the WI has joined hands with the Health Care Chaplaincy Network which as a program through the Spiritual Care Association to educate FCNs in spiritual care leading to Board Certification in Chaplaincy. The program will be on-line; the FCN can progress from (1) SC Generalist, an on-line course that builds on the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing curriculum, cost: +/- \$400 and a certificate; (2) SC Credentialed Chaplin, on-line building on the SC Generalist course but requires a baccalaureate degree, cost +/- \$700 and designation of Credentialed Chaplin; (3) Chaplaincy, on-line course building on the previous 2 courses but requires a graduate degree, cost: +/- \$1,755 and qualifies you to take the exam for becoming a Board Certified Chaplin. Nancy stated that the next Westberg will again be in Memphis, before Easter, 2019 with a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday configuration. She felt that the entire program was disorganized with transportation issues. Only 10 attended the Denominational meeting; complaints included not enough time (30”) was allocated and the location was not conducive to discussion. Nancy and Carolyn lead the meeting and had a devotion, closing prayer, and</p>	<p>available at  <a href="http://www.spiritualcareassociation.org/Westberg">www.spiritualcareassociation.org/Westberg</a></p>	
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	<p>discussion about ELPNA goals; some that attended were not aware of the web site. Nancy indicated that she will not attend if held again at the church location, however, the church volunteers were wonderful. Display area was sparse – only about 5 tables. “Juicy Plus” had their own room. CHC new facility is not available for a conference due to the open design of the major areas. WI also reported that the Foundations curriculum and Coordinator’s curriculum are being revised in the coming years, therefore, there will not be faculty education course this year but will be an educator/coordinator conference.</p>		
8) 2018 Goals	<p>Carol presented Draft 3 of the 2018 Goals. Phyllis reported that at the recent meeting of the Communication Committee, the committee had reviewed and developed goals to reflect the 2018 Goals. Goal 7: June had identified the seminaries; Marilee indicated that Ruth wanted to be included to work on this goal. Goal 8: June sent a letter to Rev. Boerger requesting ELPNA presence on the ELCA web site; she has not received a reply. Carol will reformat in a table format to show members responsibilities. Some may carry-over to next year. The question was asked about including ELCA’s Social Statements in a goal; consensus was affirmative. Carol will add as #11. Carol asked if there were items from the LCMS that we might want to look at. Marilee will investigate. It was suggested that place the Social Statement information on our web site. Motion made to accept the goals as sent with the addition of the goal 11.</p>	<p>Motion was seconded and passed to accept the 2018 Goal as distributed with the addition of Goal 11 on the ELCA Social Statements. The goals will be reformatted. Board members will identify the goals they would be willing to work on.</p>	<p>Carol and Board members.</p>

9) Communication Committee Report	Phyllis Bruce reported that the committee worked on their goals to reflect ELPNA 2018 Goals. The committee will put on web site the information about the Social Statements and the photos of board members, will review the videos that Nancy sent, will send out e-blasts about mental health resources, and end-of-life/advance planning resources.	Board members are asked to forward to Phyllis any end-of-life/advance planning resources they feel are appropriate	.Phyllis and Board members
10) ELPNA Comments on ELCA Social Statements	A. ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice – Discussion was held on this statement. It was decided to place the statements on the web site and encourage members to read and respond.  B. ELCA Policy Statement ‘A Declaration of Our Inter-religious Commitment	Carol will respond to the e-mails she has received indicating the result of the board’s discussion and that the board members have been encouraged to read and respond. Board members were encouraged to read both statements, respond individually, and identify the statements to their congregations.	Carol and Board members
11) Follow-up with Parish Nurses	Tabled		
12) ELPNA Brochure	Tabled		
13) Survey of Members	Tabled		
14) Volunteer for devotion/prayer for May Meeting	Marilee volunteered to provide the devotion for May. Phyllis asked if anyone would be interested in writing a devotional for the web site. It was suggested that the devotion at the meeting be placed on the web site.	Suggestion accepted by the group; Andy will forward her devotion to Phyllis.	Phyllis and Andy
15) Prayer and other concerns	Anita Huntley knee surgery tomorrow; Nancy’s son-in-law, Jamie, who has kidney cancer.	None	
16) Closing prayer	Andy closed the meeting with prayer.	None	

Respectfully,  
Andrea West, Secretary