

***ELPNA Meeting June 19, 2019
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), Region 3
Lu Kimpel, Region 4
Michelle Knap, Region 5
Nancy Roberts, Marilyn Kranich, Region 9***

<i>Topic/Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible Person/Timeline</i>
1)Welcome and Introductions	Carol opened the meeting. The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call.	None	
2) Opening Prayer	Marilyn Kranich offered opening devotions.	None	
3)Approval/Addition to Agenda	Carol asked for additions to the Agenda. Motion made to approved the agenda, seconded.	Motion passed	
4)Approval of Minutes	Carol presented the May, 2019, Minutes for approval. 2019 goals – spelling corrections. Motion made to approve with editorial corrections, seconded.	Motion passed.	
5)Treasurer’s Report	June presented the Treasurer’s Report. National Funds (checking): \$9,998.93; Regional Funds: \$7,610.65. There were no major expenditures.	None	
6)Membership Report	Phyllis presented the Membership Report: currently there are 112 members of these, 9 are new; last year at this time there were 124. There are still 37 who have not renewed from 2018, and 17 that have not renewed from 2017. Phyllis suggested there are multiple reasons why they have not renewed. Some parish nurses who have	Work on Pay Pal as a way to pay for membership. Those joining in the	Membership Committee

	been members in the past may now be retired and choose not to continue connections with a professional organization. Phyllis suggested that for members renewing now be granted membership through 2020. The committee is working on paying membership fee on-line. Question: is there a way to have an optional automatic renewal?	Fall of 2019 will be granted membership through 2020.	
7) Communication Committee Report	Phyllis presented the Communication Committee's Report. The committee is working on the blog with a system of notifying a person who posts on the blog when a response is made to the initial posting. Region 8 continues to place information on the web site. Phyllis encouraged directors to put information on their region page and to complete their biographical information.	Phyllis places region's information on the web site and she can alert region membership, via e-mail, when new information has been added.	Directors asked to update bio information on the web page.
8) 2019 Goals	Carol asked on updates from goals. She reviewed each goal with short update.	None	
9) Restricted Educational Funds	Carol reviewed the documents previously e-mailed to the directors, identifying changes made in each document from director input. Motion was made and seconded to finalize the draft forms and beginning the grant process. A Review Committee of 3 board members will be formed to manage the process. Carol asked for volunteers for the committee, Marie Wiegert and Lu Kimpel volunteered. It was suggested that Marilee Tollefson might consider to be the 3rd member to represent LCMS. The biggest challenge will be to get the information out to the various synods. June asked about where the money would come from. Carol suggested that initially the money come from the Education Account (William's Way).	Motion passed. Money would come from William's Way.	
10) Donation to Immigration and Refugee cause	Carol opened the discussion about the immigration crisis at the southern border. Information was forwarded by Carol concerning the problem. Discussion followed concerning tithing as an organization, support of the Lutheran agencies currently involved in providing care, name recognition for our organization, and supporting to the health and wellness of immigrants. The question of what issues our membership might support regarding outreach funds to the community.	Discussion supported polling membership for outreach/tithing of our resources.	June will write up options to send to membership
11) ELPNA Retreat in 2019	Carol asked about date for the retreat and location. First and second week of November has been suggested, the first weekend was selected. Locations were discussed with the Lutheran Center and Michelle's church were the	The first weekend in November was selected.	

	<p>options. Carol will check with Megan to see about arrangements at the Lutheran Center. Questions included: Are there benefits to going there? (It is close to the airport and hotel within a block). Are there logistical questions, etc., lunch? Staff availability? Possible speakers? If we are going to utilize resources in the building, it would make sense to be there, if not, going back to Michelle makes more sense. If we met at the Lutheran Center, we could leave them something to know we had been there. June said at the beginning of our organization “they” were very interested in connecting with us – but now there isn’t much interest; it appears that they don’t see us as important to the ELCA. We want them to think of us but they don’t respond to our communications; we are only listed in the Yearbook. Michelle suggested that a few of us go to the Lutheran Center and meet with people that Megan (program associate for ELCA program on HIV and AIDS) can arrange for – Living Lutheran, Gather (Carol was interested and invited others to join her).</p> <p>Retreat Ideas: Team building (Lu) a different way to do strategic planning – looking at positive aspects rather than problems – allows everyone to have a voice; <i>Living Lutheran – Gather</i> articles on health; areas of partnership with Churchwide (Megan); relevance for the organization. Retreat content will need to be finalized at the August meeting.</p>		Directors will send to Carol their prioritized preferences before the August meeting.
12) Churchwide Assembly, August 5-10 in Milwaukee, WI	Carol has not received a response to our questions.		
13) July Meeting	Motion made and seconded to eliminate the July meeting.	Motion passed.	
14) Volunteer for devotion/prayer for August Meeting	Marie Wiegert volunteered.	None	
15) Prayer and other concerns	None voiced.	None	
16) Closing prayer	Marilyn Kranich offered the closing prayer.		

Respectfully,
Andrea West, Secretary