

**ELPNA Meeting
December 17, 2014
3 PM via Conference Call**

Attendees: *Carol DeSchepper, President
 June Sand, Vice President
 *Andy West, Secretary
 *Nancy Deetz, Treasurer
 *Marilyn Johnson, Region 1
 *Andy West, Region 2
 *Phyllis Bruce, Region 3 (Membership)
 *Carolyn Crowe, *Norma Anderson, Region 4
 *Michelle Knapp, Maureen Swanson, Region 5
 *Marilee Tollefson, *Ruth Manchester, Region 8
 *Nancy Roberts, Mana Master, Region 9
 *Tammy Devine - Advisor

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Responsible Person/Timeline
1)Welcome and Introductions	The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call	None	
2) Opening Prayer	Carol opened with prayer.	None	
3)Approval/Addition to Agenda	Carol asked for additions to the Agenda. Moved, seconded to accept as published.	Motion passed.	
4)Approval of Minutes	Andy West presented the minutes for November. Moved, seconded to accept as published..	Motion passed.	
5)Treasurer's Report	Nancy Deetz presented the Treasurer's Report. There is \$4,780.00 in the Region's account; \$2,898.76 in the National Account. Nancy presented a bill for \$339.00 to Cosgrove Creative for the website updating, 12 months site hosting plus domain name renewal. There were questions about previous contracts with the webmaster. Nancy will check out the difference in what was thought to be the monthly fee and	Motion passed.	Nancy Deetz

	what was billed. Moved, seconded to pay the bill.		
6)Membership Report	Phyllis Bruce has a total of 34, 33 from Region 3, completed membership forms for 2015. Membership forms are on the website. Board members encouraged to return their membership forms. Membership fee is \$30.00. Phyllis will send out a letter to all 2014 members to encourage them to renew. 2014 Membership was 122. Board was encouraged to promote membership in their regions.	Letter with attached Membership Form will be sent to previous members.	Phyllis Bruce
7) ELPNA Elections	Phyllis Bruce stated that 3 more votes are needed for the election. Phyllis will check the list of those who have voted from the Board and if there are any who have not voted, they will be encouraged to vote as soon as possible. If not, a broader reminder will be sent to the members.		
8) Evaluation of 2014 Goals	<p>1. More exposure in the print media. – Andy prepared a list of possible connections earlier this year.</p> <p>2. Can we have a presence on ELCA web site? There was resistance from the national office for connecting with the Churchwide web sites.</p> <p>3. How do we gain exposure for ELPNA? Marilee asked about how the testimony from parishioners will be handled. Who is the target audience? What about putting on the website under the “Information for congregations” or using on brochures?</p> <p>4. More alignment with Portico’s programs. Tammy was going to investigate whether we tie into Portico’s web site. Portico is working on their website so there is not much progress at this time. Tammy reported that Portico is working on pilot programs in several synods (Well Spring) and they are interested in working with parish nurses in these synods (Rocky Mountain Synod, Wisconsin and Delaware/Maryland).</p> <p>5. Board members for Region 6 and 7. No one has accepted from the list of members from those regions. Phyllis stated that we should keep trying.</p> <p>6. Communication Tools – progress has been made to establish regular contacts with our members. Phyllis has been sending out more contacts to the members. She encouraged each board member to send her information to she can post on the website and send out e-mails to the membership. She asked about checking how many hits have been made on a regular basis. It is discouraging to put information</p>	<p>1.The list will be attached to the minutes.</p> <p>4. Progress has been made in this goal. Tammy will forward to the group the website information.</p> <p>6. Progress. has been made in this goal.</p>	<p>1.Andy West</p> <p>4. Tammy Devine</p> <p>6. Phyllis Bruce</p>

	<p>on the website and not know if the information is being read.</p> <p>7. Director of Evangelical Missions in each synod office – Communication Committee was going to forward names to each board members I regard to their region’s person. Phyllis, Region 3, explained about a grant program that reaches out to churches in the synods to encourage new programs in parish nursing such as education courses, books, etc. They are now requesting money from the synods to contribute to this grant program so that this program can continue.</p> <p>Carol indicated that we had made the most progress in Goals 4 and 6. There is never enough time on a one hour call to adequately address the goals. Carol will send out a survey about increasing the meeting time to 1.5 hours in 2015.</p> <p>Michelle reported that the new parish nurse at Churchwide, DeDe Boerger, is a member of the Advocate Network System. She will continue to make efforts to connect with her and invite her to join the organization. Carol will send her a letter inviting her to join.</p>	<p>Need to clarify/???</p> <p>Continued efforts will be made to talk with her.</p>	<p>Carol and Michelle</p>
9) Communication Committee Report	See information above.		
10) 2015 Westberg	Tabled		
11) ELCA Youth Gathering	The Gathering will be in Detroit, July 15-19, 2015. Tammy stated that Portico will be present and wondered about working with ELPNA for the event. There was no charge for the New Orleans Gathering. Nancy R. will check to determine if a fee will be required for 2015.		
12) ELCA Churchwide Assembly	Tabled		
13) Credentialing Follow-up	Tabled		
14) Regional Reports	Tabled.		
15) Prayer/other concerns	Sick children and all the world’s children.		
16) Volunteer for January devotion/prayer	Phyllis Bruce.		
17) Closing Prayer	Marilyn Johnson offered closing prayer.		

Respectfully,
Andrea West, Secretary

Information about ELCA Publications

The Lutheran

- The official, monthly publication of the ELCA
- Julie Sevig, Associate Editor, Julie.Sevig@TheLutheran.org
- No information available for submitting articles/information either on the print copy or on-line
- Also publish *The Little Lutheran* and *The Little Christian*

We could make a case for a continuing column about health/wellness in all three publications with an occasional article featuring parish nurses and/or the programs they have in their congregation/community.

Gather

- The official publication of WELCA – 10 issues per year.
- Queries are required. The web site has the qualifications which include articles written by Christian women, inclusive language and spiritual based.
- Each issue has a theme and the articles must adhere to the theme and focus on important issues centered around that theme. The theme for March 2015 is “Suffering and Endurance”.
- The editor is Kate Sprutta Elliot. The website is gathermagazine.org.

Likewise, we could make a case for a continuing column. But we should try to get something into the March 2015 issue.

Café

- This is an on-line free publication associated with WELCA geared toward young adult women – café@elca.org.
- There is a monthly newsletter and podcast.
- They encourage submitting a sample of writing to be considered for publication.
- Other requirements: Written by Christian women, inclusive language, NRSV Bible.

Likewise above. We should also consider asking about a podcast featuring faith community nurses and the program available to congregations through this ministry.

Lutheran Men in Mission

- A quarterly newsletter is sent out but no information was available about submitting information, etc.
- Doug Haugen is the executive director – doug.haugen@elca.org.

We might want to contact Doug about placing health information in each newsletter.

Youth

- There was no information about any continuing publication geared for the youth.'
- The next Youth Gathering is July 15-19, 2015, Detroit.