

**ELPNA Region 3 Board Meeting**

**Date: May 18, 2020**

**Attendees:** *Becky Hulden, Chair, Phyllis Bruce, Vice-Chair, Rene Compo, Treasurer, Marie Wiegert, Secretary, Joanne Arneberg, Deb Bergstrom, Sandy Connell, Louise Nesdahl, Linda Scott*

**Excused/absent:**

| <b>Topic/Agenda Item</b>   | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Action</b>  | <b>Responsible Person/<br/>Timeline</b> |
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| Call to Order  |   |  | Becky Hulden                            |
| Opening Devotions:   | Conversation with God, letting go and become who I made you to be. By John Rodell   |  | Louise Nesdahl                          |
| Review and Accept Agenda   |   | Motion to accept by Renee Compo, Seconded by Louise Nesdahl<br>Accepted by board |   |
| Approval of Minutes  | Region 3 ELPNA board minutes March 16, 2020   | Motion to accept by Renee Campo, Seconded by Sandy Connell<br>Accepted by Board  |   |
| <b>Business</b><br><br>A. Welcome to Joann Arneberg<br><br>B. Sharing about the impact of CoVid 19 in your families and<br><br>Congregations | <p>a. Welcome to Joann Arneberg. She shared her past experiences, prior to her position at Augustana Lutheran, West St. Paul Has a MA in Public Health from U of MN, She and her husband went to Tanzania as missionaries for several years. Upon returning, she obtained her nursing degree. They went to China in 2013-2018. In January 2020, she returned to China for the Chinese New Year to work in the orphanage so that the Chinese nurses could have some time off for the holiday. The CoVid 19 caused her to return after only a few days there.</p> <p>b. Louise Nesdahl Chair of CoVid 19 task force. Collaborating with Joann Arneberg. Church is closed, looking at how to open when that happens. Possible drive in church this summer, small groups. Ordered “no touch” thermometer, and oximeter, available from Target or Amazon for \$51.00. * Deb Bergstrom in Baxter, MN, not meeting in church, has online service, Sunday and Wednesday. Some stores require masks, not everyone wearing masks-half and half. Using social distancing. *Carol Deschepper Stephens Ministries, using zoom type meetings, Drive-in church, they have that every summer but started earlier this year. *Renee Campo same as the above. She has been sewing masks and quilt tops for. Lutheran World Relief. Minneapolis Area Synod is offering web site Worship service for Memorial Day</p> |  |   |

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| <p>C. Questions to answer</p>             | <p>weekend/Trinity Sunday. *Linda Scott, SD, mostly online. Plan to have church service in building, no masks required, no food or fellowship. *Phyllis Bruce, online service, member of CoVid19 response team. *Sandy Connell, online and streaming, making phone calls *Marie Wiegert, church closed, livestreaming, 4 singers distancing Restoration Center serving sack lunches on Mondays.</p> <p>C. How would a change in the board structure of the ELPNA affect the work of your committee? Why do we need two boards?<br/> Louise Nesdahl, Education chair that the committee would meet, do the work and report to the National Board.<br/> Carol DeSchepper reported about a meeting related to board structure, succession planning of leaders. There is a current polling of National Board members about barriers for running for office. June Sand, Phyllis Bruce, Carol DeSchepper, and Andy West are logging hours spent doing their position. Currently the National Board does not have an education committee or offer education. One of the goals is to offer a virtual education event. There is a goal for each region to do a regional event. Region 4 has had a “virtual tea” event and that went very well.<br/> Region 3 has had some live streaming events but the attendance for these were low. An in-person event is still needed. There is still a need to give CEUs nationally. This is being explored.<br/> Membership and communications could easily be converted to National communities.<br/> Marketing and promoting has been difficult to do. This committee could probably be combined with membership and communication. On the National level, there has been some conversations with the ELCA, it is continuous process at this time. Carol reported a very productive and positive conversation with ELCA churchwide members. In March, there was an article published in the LIVING LUTHERAN. During nurse's week, there was a blog on the WELCA website.<br/> Phyllis reported that the membership and communication committees are already mostly national so that would be less confusing to just have these committees be on a national level. We would operate under the National Bylaws. Region 3 was never incorporated. A vote would be needed.<br/> Each Region 3 board member should let Becky know what committee they would like to participate in on a national level. The education goals could be a precursor to the Education committee. Outreach on the National level has two \$750.00 grants available with no applications at this time. Becky would like to work mentorship into that.</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>Executive Committee Reports</b></p> | <p><b>Chair: Becky Hulden</b><br/> <b>Vice-Chairman: Phyllis Bruce</b><br/> <b>Treasurer: Renee Compo</b></p> <p>Checking Balances: March 31, 2020 \$3609.01,<br/> April 30, 2020 \$ 3919.01</p>  |  |  |

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|  | <p>May 15, 2020 \$ 3919.01</p> <p>Constant contact: \$45.00</p> <p>Transfer to savings: \$25.00</p> <p>Income from 19 members at \$20.00 each, \$380.00</p> <p><b>Secretary: Marie Wiegert</b></p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>Standing Committee Reports</b></p> <p>a. Executive</p> <p>b. Membership:</p> <p>c. Communications:</p> <p>d. Marketing/<br/>Promotion: Renee<br/>Compo</p> <p>e. Outreach/Mission:</p> | <p>B. Membership, written report, verbal report was not given due to time factor. Total 104, Region 3—44 ( 29 have not renewed from 2019) Other 8 regions 56 (14 have not renewed from 2019) Four members of the National membership committee have made phone calls to members that have not renewed. There will be a conference call on May 19<sup>th</sup> with the committee. Phyllis has sent 6 membership forms to those that were spoken with. Most of the calls were reminders Many do not call back or answer as requested. A nurse from Cross Lake, MN, has a large church, with a very active program and has good resources available. She would like more benefits from membership.</p> <p>C. Communications stated that the web site and Facebook now have links both ways. SSL, the security certificate for the web site is being processed by the webmaster. A Google search for the web site is being set up. This is free for non-profits but will have ads included in search results as well. Another option involved a whole redesign of the web site and installation of a search engine but that would be very costly. The decision was made to go with Google. Permission has been granted to put a link to the LIVING LUTHERAN article about Parish Nurses on the web site. The article title is “A Network of Care”. There are more links added to the CoVid 19 resources. Members are encouraged to add the Westberg Institute’s Information Sharing Program, Yammer. The web site averages around 10 sessions per day. Instructions are under National New/News and Events. Regional members can be found on the top of the Regional page in the greenish colored banner, The newsletter was sent out with a 56% open rate as of May 18. The last issue achieved a 60% opening rate</p> <p>D. No Report</p> <p>E. Outreach. Two grant applications have reviewed by the committee. Each applicant has requested monies to attend a Basic FCN/PN Foundation Course:<br/>Cindy Lou Steffi, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN -<br/>- \$500.00. She will then be able to start a program</p> |  |  |

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| <p>f. Programs /Education:<br/>Louise Nesdahl</p> <p>g. Bylaws:</p> | <p>Marcy Mateyka, First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, MN---<br/>\$250.00. She will then be able to join the team as one of the nurse's wants to retire. Renee Compo made the motion to approve these grants. Louise Nesdahl seconded the motion.</p> <p>F. Tabled until next meeting.</p> <p>G. No report</p> | <p>Accepted by Board.</p> |                     |
| <p>National ELPNA News: Marie Wiegert, Phyllis Bruce</p>            | <p>There was no report, due to time.</p>   |                           |                     |
| <p>Future Agenda Items</p>  | <p>Potential vote concerning outcome of Region 3 as a separate board from the National ELPNA board<br/>Next meeting: Monday, July 20, 2020 at 1:00 pm via Zoom</p>   |                           |                     |
| <p>Prayer Concerns</p>  |  |                           |                     |
| <p>Closing Prayer</p>   |  |                           |                     |
| <p>Adjournment</p>  | <p>2:40 pm</p>   |                           | <p>Becky Hulden</p> |

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marie Wiegert, Secretary