



EVANGELICAL LUTERAN PARISH NURSE ASSOCIATION

Region 3 Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2013

1:00-2:30

MINUTES

Attendees: Mary Jo Hallberg, Rose Umland, Jean Bokinski, Mary Nordtvedt, Jeanne Muggé

Excused absence: Marilyn Pucossi, Phyllis Bruce, June Sand, Deb Bowman, Carol DeSchepper

(Note: No Quorum so Agenda and March Minutes were not approved)

ELPNA Startup Grants Report by Mary Nordtvedt:

Pastor Jules Erickson from All Saints Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights called Mary to say they are grateful for the ELPNA Grant. They now have two PNs and one will use the grant to take the PN Preparation course.

More grants will be awarded in January 2014. Mary Nordtvedt and Jean Bokinski will guide the process and grant applications will be available at the Fall Gathering.

Honoring Choices available to Parish Nurses

Fairview Health Services will hold an Honoring Choices Refresher class for ELPNA Parish Nurses who have already taken the Facilitator Training on June 4, 2013 on a first come basis.

A Basic Facilitator Training will be offered on June 24, 2013 also open to ELPNA Parish Nurse

Board Meeting Time will continue to be 1:00-2:30 PM.

Presence at Synod Assemblies

Gale Thomsen, a Parish Nurse from Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Lakeville has offered to represent the Region 3 ELPNA at Minneapolis, St Paul and Southwest Synod Assemblies. She wants to carry on Rose Mahlum's work.

Executive Committee Reports

Chair: Mary Jo Hallberg

There seems to be more interest in Parish Nurse Ministry. Mary Jo is getting more calls and doing more speaking. She has heard from LSS, Wilder, Ramsey County's Planning for a Healthy Ramsey, Fairview, Ebenezer, Health East, and Augustana. They are looking for information on how we can work together to keep communities healthy.

Fairview has a pilot project with Minnehaha Community Lutheran for the Parish Nurse to follow frail elderly in the community.

A conversation was held regarding misinformation about the ELPNA by an individual at the National Westberg Conference held in April. It was suggested that a small group from the board meet with this person to give an update on the activities of the ELPNA and Region 3 ELPNA.

Vice Chair: Rose Umland No Report

Treasurer: Mary Jo for Deb Bowman The food cost for the Spring Gathering was \$555.33.

Secretary: Written Report by Phyllis Bruce

Region 3 has 71 members including 10 new.

National has a total of 120 (including Region 3)

Standing Committees

Communications: Mary Jo Hallberg

Over the next few weeks the website will be taken over by the National Board and Region 3 information will be found under the Region 3 tab on the left hand column of the Home Page.

Membership: Phyllis Bruce (submitted)

An idea for contacting all ELCA churches in Region 3: The names of all churches are listed on the ELCA Website when you look under Region 3 and then under each of the Synods in Region 3.

Perhaps members could each take a synod and contact each church. The purpose is to compile a complete list of churches with Parish Nurses, to learn of churches who might be interested in beginning a PN program and to increase awareness of Parish Nurse Ministry. It was suggested that we have a work meeting at our August Board Meeting devoted to contacting churches, We will continue the discussion in June.

Bylaws: Jean Bokinski

There is an effort to work on the bylaws at the National level that will be used by all Regions. Regions could then have local rules.

Ad hoc Committees

Program/Education: Jeanne Mugge and Rose Umland

Evaluations were generally good for the Spring Gathering. Suggestions: Give out a directory, and have more process time after the presentation.

National Report None (June was absent).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM

Submitted by Jeanne Muggee