



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN PARISH NURSE ASSOCIATION

Region 3 Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 11, 2012

12:30-2:00 PM

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM
2. Opening devotions were lead by Phyllis Bruce
3. Board Members absent/excused: Lydia Volz, June Sand, Rose Mahlum, Deb Bowman, Judy Thompson
4. The agenda was reviewed. MSC to accept.
5. The Minutes were reviewed for the Region 3 Board of Directors, May 14, 2012. MSC to accept.
6. Business
 - a. Ann Rabie brought up the discussion about honoring our parish nurses who die. Ann had spoken with Wanda Alexander who asked for our feedback about an idea she had for honoring Rose Mahlum. There would be a display of the many creative things that Rose had made for the ELPNA. Wanda would also have a large crystal vase inscribed with Parish Nurse, Periwinkle in color, with a dozen white roses. It was suggest that each parish nurse who comes to her service would be invited to bring a flower to put in the crystal vase. Valborg has written a beautiful prayer. Question about vase – would it be kept for future use or given to the family? Our suggestion was to give it to the family. Who will get the vase in the future?
7. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Chairman: Mary Jo Hallberg

Nominating committee: Asked for ideas for names. The names suggested were Mary Nordvet, Sandy Connel, and Marilyn Pucossi. Mary Jo will contact them.
 - b. Vice-Chairman: Ann Rabie

Ann will be contacting Valborg about being on Task Force for Guidelines related to grants for parish nurse programs in Lutheran churches. Mary Jo has examples from Fairview and will ask Mary Nordvet for Lyngbloobstons. Other suggestions were Jewish Family Services, Methodist Hospital Association, and Beth Hanson, Lakeview Hospital Parish Nurse Coordinator..

c. Treasurer: Jeanne Tempero

The balance in savings as of 6/11 is \$4506.47. Balance in the checkbook is \$2972.56 after paying for the Spring Gathering. See written report.

d. Secretary: Phyllis Bruce

As discussed at the last meeting, related to sending hard copies of minutes to those who do not have e-mail access, Phyllis has sent a copy of January, February, and March Board Minutes to Valborg. Valborg has already sent more stamps. Carol Deschepper will send her the approved National Minutes and will check to see if there are any others who would want to receive the National Minutes who do not have e-mail. Valborg is the only current Region 3 member who does not have e-mail.

8. Standing Committee Reports

a. Communications: Mary Jo Hallberg

We will soon will have access to doing our own web site changes – possibly even today. This will continue to be a work in progress as we move forward with the National focus.

9. Ad hoc Committee Reports

a. Program/Education: Jeanne Mugge

October 22 will be the date for the Fall Gathering at Luther Seminary. Mary Jo had suggested Janet Thompson, a professor of Theology at Hamlin University. She has stage 4 Breast Cancer, and has written a memoir titled, "Hoping for More" . She has two young children. Her topic will be, "What Does our Lutheran Faith tell us about Hope and Suffering". She includes a discussion of things that are helpful and not helpful in talking with those who are experiencing suffering. We need ideas for the information tables. This was well received at our Fall Gathering.

b. Membership Task Force: Phyllis Bruce

No change from last month in membership. Total = 133, 85 Region 3 and 48 all other Regions. Phyllis has the 2012 spread sheet with the Parish Nurses, churches and phone numbers. Deb is working on the list of churches in Region 3.. Once we have these, will discuss how to proceed with calling the churches that we do not know if they have parish nurses.

c. Outreach/Marketing/Promotion: Rose Mahlum/Judy Thompson - no report

d. Outreach/Mission Task Force: Ann Rabie, Lydia Volz Judy Thompson, Valborg Tollefsud, Jean Bokinski See under Business a.

(Guidelines for identifying congregations/Parish Nurses in need of start up funding/distribution of funds- Committee Member)

10. National ELPNA News: Carol De Schepper/Phyllis Bruce

The National Board Retreat will be October 5-7. Location will either be Prairie Oaks Institute in Belle Plain, 1 hr from airport or Luther Seminary. Phyllis checked Luther and Stub Hall can accommodate us for that weekend. There will be a decision made at the June conference call tomorrow. The retreat is for Board members, including Area Representatives, and Advisers: Tammy Divine (Facilitator for the event), Annette Langdon, and SueAnn Glusenkamp. Valborg will be contacted as well.

Purpose/goals: Some ideas suggested are: 1) Look at individual and group gifts, 2) Discuss vision for the group/organization. 3) Look at ways to gain momentum for the organization and our call to serve. It will be a time to becoming better acquainted with one another. One theme would be building relationships so that we serve more effectively, personally and collectively.

There will be a Parish Nurse presence at the Youth Gathering, July 18-22, in New Orleans. We have been given space at no cost, when usual cost is \$500. Nancy Anderson is planning a great program with activities, healthy foods, and information about nursing schools and parish nursing. Over 37,000 youth are registered.

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. Next meeting: August 13, 2012 at LSS Headquarters, Conf. Room 1E (651-287-2564) 2485 Como Avenue, St Paul, MN 55108 at 12:30 PM

Devotions: Rose Umland.

Mary Jo closed with prayer.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.