

***ELPNA Meeting
February 15, 2012
3 PM via Conference Call***

***Attendees: Lori Tormey, President
June Sand, Vice President
Carol DeSchepper, Secretary
Nancy Deetz, Treasurer
Andy West, Region 2
Phyllis Bruce, Region 3***

***Carolyn Crowe, Norma Anderson, Region 4
Maureen Swanson, Region 5
Marilee Tollefson, Ruth Manchester, Region 7
Becky Klein, Region 8
Mana Master, Region 9
Membership – Phyllis Bruce, Region 3***

<i>Topic/Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible Person/Timeline</i>
Welcome and Introductions	The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call	None	
Opening Prayer	Becky Klein offered opening prayer.	None	
Approval/Addition to Agenda	Lori asked for additions to the Agenda. There were no additions.	None	
Approval of Minutes	Carol DeSchepper presented the January 17, 2012 minutes for discussion. The minutes were approved as circulated.	None	
Treasurer's Report	Nancy Deetz presented the Treasurer's Report, which had been earlier emailed. The current funds held at this time for the regions are \$2550.00. The current funds for held for National total \$3174.09. There were no questions on the report and it was approved as presented.	None	
Membership Report	Phyllis gave the membership report. There are currently 115 members in ELPNA. 72 of the members are in Region 3 and the remaining 43 members are from other Regions. She offered to send a copy of a letter that was drafted to follow-up on persons who have not renewed their membership. The letter is to be sent out with the minutes. (see attachment) A question was asked about members who are listed as 'either region 7 or 8'. This is because it is hard to know where certain communities are in the state. The name of the Synod is not always completed on the application. Becky offered to help with	Send the draft letter composed by Phyllis, which can be used to follow-up on persons who have not renewed their membership. Contact Becky with questions about community locations in	Phyllis Bruce and Carol DeSchepper Phyllis Bruce

Retreat Discussion	<p>There was discussion at the Region 3 about the retreat for Fall. At our last meeting it was suggested it be in Region 3. Three locations for the retreat are under consideration. Last meeting we talked about late September or early October as the timeframe. A college campus also might work if we are scheduled over fall break. Under consideration are Luther Seminary, Mt Olivet Lutheran Church, and a place in Farmington, MN (just south of the cities). Nancy spoke in support of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, as she has been to that facility. She also suggested Christ the King Retreat Center. That is about an hour out of the city. Phyllis and June will get some price quotes on the options.</p> <p>How long should the retreat be? Most preferred a weekend event. We also need to discuss whether we need a speaker, will we provide our own content, etc.? Andy said that at the Faculty retreat last year they used faculty as speakers and it was a great event. The question is whether we want to work on a retreat weekend. Do we want a retreat or an educational event or both? Nancy and others spoke in support of a nice blend of both. Norma also suggested that the retreat be a time for the board to get to know one another. For the most part we only know one another over the phone. 'Slow down' is a program that might be considered for use. Perhaps Tammy Devine and others in the Twin Cities Metro area could help with some programming.</p>	<p>Continue planning for the retreat.</p> <p>Check prices on the various options under consideration.</p> <p>Talk to Tammy Devine about perhaps helping with the event</p>	<p>Lori Tormey, June Sand, and others</p> <p>June Sand and Phyllis Bruce</p> <p>June Sand and Lori Tormey</p>
Letters to Bishops Update	Deferred to the next meeting. Perhaps a draft could be attached to the agenda to speed up our discussion.	Draft letter to the Bishops and attach to the next meeting's agenda	Lori Tormey
By-laws	June will send an electronic version of the bylaws to all of us. They should be reviewed by each board member before October. June will provide directions on what to do with comments.	Send current bylaws with directions for review and return of comments	June Sand
Questions, thoughts, prayer concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle and her family in the death of her aunt Election of the new Bishop in the Minneapolis Synod 	Hold these intentions in prayer	Board members
Closing Prayer	Becky offered closing prayer.		

Respectfully,
Carol DeSchepper, Secretary