

## **La Crosse District Nurses' Association Board Minutes**

Date: February 18, 2003

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Viterbo University, Brophy Nursing Center, Room 121

Present: Rose Pressor, Mary Proksch, Peg Myhre, Stephanie Genz, Joyce Heil, Susan Frauenkron, Lois Sanwick, Ruth Berns, and Kitty Jablonski

Call to Order: Mary called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: All members present were noted in the minutes.

Approval of Minutes (01-21-03): The minutes were approved as written.

Additions to Agenda: District's president call and ANA bylaws change.

Newsletter Update: The newsletter will be mailed the first week in March. Mary brought address labels for the mailing.

Spring CE Program Update: "Care of the Patient with Chronic Renal Failure and End Stage Renal Disease" will be presented at 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, N3020 Hwy. 16, La Crosse, WI on Tuesday, March 25, 2003. Peg Myhre, Jennifer Rogers, and Suzanne Hayes will be presenters. Pizza will be served at a social from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Flyers were distributed to board members.

Non-profit Status Update: Lois checked the secretarial materials and did not find the document validating non-profit status. Mary said she will check the president's file to see if it is there.

Treasurer's Report: Lois reported for Joan Callahan and submitted a register report for the period of 01-12-03 through 02-18-03 to all board members. There were no transactions the past month. The balance as of 02-18-03 was \$2,804.40. Joan also submitted the year-end account statement for Scudder Investments. The market value as of 12-31-02 was \$4,694.46. One year ago the market value was \$5,549.57. The treasurer's report was accepted as written.

LDNA Scholarships: Lois circulated three letters that Joan Callahan received relative to a LDNA scholarship that was granted in 2002. The first letter was from Peggy Langreck, on behalf of the WWTC Foundation. The letter announced Rachele Kennedy as the beneficiary of a LDNA scholarship and thanked LDNA for this support of students. The second letter was from P. Langreck also and was written on behalf of the WWTC Board of Directors. This letter acknowledged receipt of the \$250.00 scholarship and also thanked the LDNA for the support of students. The third letter was from Rachele Kennedy and expressed her gratitude for the scholarship.

Board members approved two scholarships for 2003: a \$250.00 scholarship for a Viterbo University nursing student and a \$250.00 scholarship for a WWTC nursing student.

Program Committee: Rose discussed the March 25<sup>th</sup> program and handed out flyers.

PR/Membership Committee: Ruth reported that there was one new member. Kitty serves as the second vice-president and will assist the committee. Ruth will send out reminders for dues.

Nursing Practice Committee: Peg discussed the possibility of the La Crosse District Nurses organization collaborating with the Advanced Practice Nurses' Group to provide an educational offering. Both groups

provide programs. There may be an advantage to combining some of these activities. Peg will serve as a liaison to the Nurse Practitioner's Group.

WINPAC: Stephanie announced that Nurses' Day at the Capital is Tuesday, March 4, 2003. Stephanie will attend this opportunity.

LDNA Website: Mary reported that the site is nearly up-to-date with minutes and that she submitted the list of current officers for publication.

Planning for May Events: Nurses' Day will be celebrated on May 5, 2003 with a flag raising at City Hall. Rose will notify a television station for public coverage of this event. A nice ecumenical service has been held the past few years, but is not well attended recently. It was decided to try a different event. There will be a nurses' walk on Saturday, May 3, 2003. T-shirts will be available. Susan, Kitty, and Ruth will work on this event. Walks have been held in the past and have had good attendance.

The annual meeting was planned for May 6, 2003. There will be a social period from 5:30p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Mary Lu Gerke was suggested as a potential speaker. Joyce and Stephanie volunteered to plan the meeting.

District President's Call: Mary hi-lighted some of the discussion, including that a regional representative will be coming to the March program, there is a "push" to increase staff nurse membership in WNA, there is a WNA task force to "grow" members, members may join ANA without being a member of WNA or the district organizations, Eau Claire will be the site for the convention on October 23-25<sup>th</sup> this year, STAT can be emailed rather than mailed and would save postage, and that the WNA does not take a stand on the potential war with Iraq.

Honor a Colleague: Stephanie announced that nominations are being sought. The Wisconsin Nurses' Foundation grants a certificate acknowledging nursing excellence. Cindy Tracy and Chester Hilton were recipients last year. The format for the nomination is a written paragraph summarizing the candidate's attributes. Nominations may be sent to Stephanie by April 15, 2003.

Using Tuesdays for Programs: Peg asked that we discuss, at a future date, the choice of Tuesdays for programs. There are some nurses that cannot attend on Tuesdays at all.

Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at VU, Brophy NC, Rm. 121.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Sanwick,  
Secretary

<b>Reminder: Meeting Dates</b>
March 18, 2003
April 22, 2003
May 6, 2003 (Annual Meeting)