

La Crosse District Nurses Association Board

Minutes

Date: January 17, 2007

Time: 5:36 PM

Place: People's Food Co-op Meeting Room

Present: Rose Presser, Sandy Schlichenmeyer, Judy Talbott, Ramona Yehle, Kathryn Lammers, Nancy Danou, Heidi Hackbarth, Karla McClintock, Wendy Noble

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Rose Presser

Minutes: Minutes of November 15, 2006 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bahr reported for Barb Nickoletti. The current checking account balance is \$5961.81. The Scudder investment account gained \$198.26 in the last quarter of 2006 and is now valued at \$6470.70.

Old Business

Web director: Ramona Yehle

Ramona is updating the web site on a regular basis. There was a problem with posting new information, but it has been resolved. Many of the e-mails sent from the site are being returned. Ramona and Kathryn will try to get current addresses. Ramona would like to post information about the scholarship applications on the website as soon as it is available.

Activities: Sandy Schlichenmeyer

Honor a Colleague planning has been getting offers of volunteer help from prior Board members and from the general membership. The location has not been finalized. There was discussion about several sites, including Forest Hills. Sandy will look into terms of renting Forest Hills room, as well as other sites. Cost, flexibility in terms of food choices and space were identified as primary considerations.

Education : Kathryn Lammers

Kathryn asked for input about possible topics for education sessions. Ideas included:

- having the RN from Madison who was charged in the medication error case and a representative from the legal community talk about her case
- a program on methamphetamine in rural areas
- a discussion with the Sierra Club or another environmental group about the health implications of global warming and the film "An Inconvenient Truth"
- A League of Women Voters presentation on the governor's proposal to offer state funded health care in Wisconsin

There was support for having the League of Women Voters presentation in March. There was discussion about how to publicize the event. Suggestions were made to e-mail and to provide flyers and mailings to work site. The second choice would be to invite the Madison RN. This would also be a good opportunity to publicize Honor a Colleague. Viterbo was suggested as a place to hold the event and to hold it on March 18th.

Public Relations: Janet Bahr

Nothing new to report at this time

Membership: Nancy Danou

Nancy noted that she is not getting much communication from WNA about new members. She will find out if there is a way to get more timely information.

Newsletter: Wendy Noble

Wendy asked members to contribute any ideas for the newsletter. The next newsletter will be distributed electronically. There will be a postcard mailing that will go out to members that will alert them to check the website and their e-mail for the newsletter.

Nominations:

Karla McClintock: Karla asked for input about the timing of the Annual Meeting. There was discussion about whether moving the Annual meeting to Fall might be better because people are not as busy as in May. Karla suggested moving the date to up to April 1st. There was concern expressed that this would be too early and would not provide a smooth transition from old to new members. Nancy made a motion to move the Annual Meeting to September, and Heidi seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The September meeting will be on Wednesday the 19th. Heidi announced that she will be leaving the Board this year due to other responsibilities.

New Business:

1. Judy received a letter from Chileda wanting to present information to community groups. The Board decided that we are not really the type of organization Chileda is targeting.
2. Judy shared a letter from an LDNA board member, Cheryl Jacobson, asking for LDNA to support her letter to the newspaper about water fluoridation in Holmen. She also asked for any interested members to attend the Village of Holmen meeting where the issue will be discussed. There was a motion made and seconded to support this. The motion was approved. Judy agreed to write a letter of support and give it to Cheryl.
3. Rose noted that there will be a scholarship established in the memory of Diane Myhre, a former LDNA member.
4. Janet raised a question about how the scholarship recipients are selected from Viterbo. Heidi said that she will check to make sure that the form being used actually reflects the current criteria and procedure.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on February 21st, 2007 at 5:30 PM

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Rose Presser at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Noble
Recorder