

**La Crosse District Nurses Association
Board Minutes**

Date: February 17, 2009

Time: 5:35 PM

Place: People's Food Co-op, 2nd floor meeting room

Present: Nancy Danou, Rosanne Schulz, Pam Johnson, Kathryn Lammers, Judy Talbott, Sandy Schlichenmeyer, Janet Bahr, Rose Presser, Cheryl Casperson, Pat Formanek, Heidi Hackbarth

Call to Order: Judy called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as written. The scholarship monies being discussed for Honor a Colleague were to be noted as scholarships for RN's.

Treasurer's Report: The January treasurer report submitted via Email and recorded in the January meeting minutes was accepted.

Summary of Accounts for February:

Checking: \$6397.13

Savings: \$5.00

Scudder Investments: \$5420.90

A letter from the WTC was discussed. It was determined that the letter was a fund raising effort for the WTC foundation. LDNA already gives the WTC foundation monies for scholarships, so LDNA will not reply to this fund raising letter.

Reports of Officers:

Education Director: Cheryl discussed the April 21st education program. The event will be held in the community room at PFC at 7PM (after the board meeting). The focus will be on fall prevention. Ruth Berns, RN, CNS, from Franciscan Skemp Healthcare will present and Cheryl is working to confirm a speaker (Kathy Koehne) from Gundersen Lutheran. These speakers will be able to highlight falls prevention from both an acute and long term care perspective. Michelle La Fleur and Heidi Hackbarth will also do a follow-up on their presentation on the new CMS reimbursement guidelines in November, 2008.

Food for the meeting will be catered by Hackberry's.

The speakers are being rewarded with gift certificates from Hackberry's Restaurant.

Public Relations Director: Kathryn will work on publicizing the educational event by sending out postcards. She will also list LDNA upcoming events: Honor a Colleague and the Annual Meeting.

These events can also be published in the newsletter and sent out to members electronically. Members are also encouraged to use word of mouth.

Membership Director: Nancy reported that there is one new member. She will forward the contact information to Michelle (web page editor), Pat (newsletter) and Kathryn (public relations). Nancy will also forward the list of new members for the last six months to Pat for inclusion in the newsletter as a “welcome to new members.”

The scholarship donations for HAC will be addressed at the next meeting.

Publications Director: Ideas of items to include in the newsletter were discussed. If anyone has any pictures please forward them to Pat.

Pat will bring hard copies of past newsletters that she has to the April meeting to be displayed/picked up at the educational event.

Web Page Director: No report.

Activities Director: There was much discussion on the Honor a Colleague event. Pam is still investigating a location. Several locations were suggested. Once the location is secured, Pam will work on the food.

Rose Presser will write a letter to the hospital foundations asking for a contribution for this event. We will be able to use this money for expenses (room and food).

The certificates were discussed. Last year there were many certificates that were not picked up and we did not have the addresses to mail them. The group decided that the certificates were not necessary and that there were other ways to recognize the nominees. There was an idea to have a power point scrolling with the names of those honored and those who nominated them. Rose volunteered to format the power point and set it to music; she may include some pictures.

The nomination form (flyer) will be revised and sent out to members via Email. Cards will be sent to the nominees informing them of the HAC event. Nominations will be mailed to Rosanne who will, in turn, send out the cards.

A committee for this event was formed. Members are Pam Johnson, Rose Presser, Kathryn Lammers (publicity) and Rosanne Schulz.

Nominations Director: No report.

President Elect: No report.

Vice President: Janet will begin work on the annual meeting. She will work with Kathryn to publicize it via electronic flyer, post card and newsletter. The Annual Meeting will tentatively be Social hour at 5 PM; Dinner at 5:30 PM and annual meeting at 7 PM. The event will be held at Hackberry's.

President:

We Leap, a Western Wisconsin Regional Learning Collaborative for public health practice and academia, has invited the LDNA to partner on an upcoming workshop titled, "Roles of the Nurse in Creating and Influencing Policy. The keynote speaker will be Gina Dennik Champion from WNA. There would also be a panel of legislators discussing how nurses can get involved and update on issues important to nursing and nurses. The conference is tentatively set for Monday, April 20th from 8 – 11 AM at Cartwright Center at UW-L. LDNA members, public health staff, and students are invited. About 50 people are expected. LDNA is asked to assist with financial support for the event.

Discussion centered on the applicability of this topic to nurses, and that it was an inexpensive way for LDNA to be listed as a sponsor/contributor to this event

A motion was made to donate \$150 to this event. The motion was made by Janet, seconded by Pat. All present were in favor, motion approved.

Announcements:

Judy reminded the board members of the SNA supper that she is hosting on 2/17/09 at her home.

WNA is asking for "variety show" acts to be performed at the 10/22/09 convention. If anyone has any talent to share, they are highly encouraged to register to perform.

Kay Lillesand sent a thank you to LDNA for the \$100 contribution that we made to WNA for the 100th anniversary. (This is a late entry from January).

Next Board Meeting: March 17th, 5:30 – 7 PM, at PFC, community room.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Rosanne. The meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosanne Schulz, Secretary

