

La Crosse District Nurses' Association Board Minutes

Date: February 21, 2007

Time: 5:40 p.m.

Place: People's Food Coop, second floor meeting room

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

Call to Order: Rose called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved, as written, by all who were in attendance.

Approval of January 17, 2007 Minutes: There was a correction in the Education Committee report. The League of Women Voters hosted a presentation on the three major Wisconsin universal health care proposals last December. LDNA (along with the Viterbo University MSN Program) will be sponsoring a health care forum featuring the three major Wisconsin universal health care proposals on March 26, 2007. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Nicoletti was not present. Rose reported that there is approximately \$5,500.00 in the checking account.

Old Business

Education Director and Public Relations Director Reports: Kathryn reported progress on the planning of the health care forum on Wisconsin's Universal Health Care Proposals which will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2007. Janet sent flyers announcing the forum to nursing homes, clinics and other health care agencies. She brought flyers to be distributed to the schools of nursing. Janet asked Ramona to put the flyer on the LDNA web site and to email it to all LDNA members. Information for the forum was also sent to Sigma Theta Tau. Kathryn has a summary sheet of the three health care proposals which she will email to Ramona so she can put that information on the LDNA web site also. In addition, a post card announcing the forum will be sent out to all LDNA members. The board decided to have a table set up at the forum to promote LDNA membership and to have forms available for the "Honor a Colleague" celebration. Kathryn emphasized that the presentations of the health care proposals are very interesting and worth hearing. She encouraged everyone to promote attendance.

Activities Director Report: Sandy handed out the flyer/form that will be used to promote the May 7, 2007 event of celebrating the nursing profession and honoring a colleague. The program is set to run from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sandy requested that the first half hour be used as a networking time. Sandy also handed out a needs/plans outline sheet for this event that was developed by a group of volunteers that she got together to work on the event. Mary Lu Gerke will speak on "Nursing: A Profession and

Passion.” Mayor Mark Johnsrud will be present for a flag rising and proclamation. Judy reported that they plan to have a soloist sing two to three songs. Post cards will be sent to nominees informing them of their nomination(s). Heidi and Karla reported information on the charges, use requirements, etc. for two local facilities (All Star Lanes and the hospitality center at the La Crosse Brewery). Ramona made a motion that this event be held in the hospitality center of the La Crosse Brewery. Wendy made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Recipients of the LDNA scholarships will also be announced at this event. Food for the event was discussed but not finalized.

Nominations Director Report: Karla reported that we will need nominations for treasurer, Activities Director, Membership Director, and Web Page Director. Ramona will put this information on the LDNA web site. Information on these positions will also be available on the LDNA table at the March 26, 2007 health care forum.

Membership Director Report: Nancy reported that there are no new members. She reported that it is a slow process to get this information from WNA and that she has to rely on using STAT to get the information.

Publications Director Report: Wendy reported that she has the newsletter ready except to insert some of the details discussed about events at this meeting and that she needs a report from Rose as LDNA’s president. The newsletter will be available around March 2, 2007.

Web Page Director Report: Ramona reported that she, Kathryn and Rose updated all email addresses. There are approximately 200-300 “visits” to the web page each month. There are a lot of spam emails that she has to delete often.

New Business

Recent State Legal Opinion: Rose reported that a recent legal opinion was issued stating that CRNAs do not need supervision, but collaboration with physicians. Rose is seeking the email addresses of CRNAs in the LDNA district so she can invite them to become LDNA members.

LDNA Nursing Student Scholarship Criteria: Heidi is working on clarifying and/or defining what this organization requires for application of the annual nursing student scholarships. The following points were agreed upon by this board:

- Viterbo University nursing program: applicant must be a junior or senior class student.
WTC nursing program: applicant must be a second year student.
- Nursing student may be a full-time student or a part-time student.
- Nursing student must be in good academic standing.
- Nursing student must be a member of their respective Student Nurses’ Association (SNA).

The deadline for these applications is in November and the scholarships are awarded in the following spring semester. Heidi has been working with staff at Viterbo and WTC to learn their procedures for administering scholarships.

Misc.: There was discussion that LDNA should purchase a flash drive to store all of its documents. It was suggested that LDNA board members wear the same attire, such as polo shirts or vests, at functions to identify themselves. Karla will research this.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the People's Food Coop second floor meeting room.

Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Sanwick,
Secretary