

**St. Paul Area Senior Workers Association Board Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2013**

Attendance: Becky Wilken, Jennifer Morgan, Thom Johnson, Lynn Cibuzar, Christine Maxwell, Kari Kearns, Eunice Neubauer, Patrice Stedman, Deb Nygaard, Erika Toftness-Kelly, Lisa Dunn, Mark Anderson

**Secretary's Report**

Motion made to accept February minutes as recorded.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jenny and Christine got to the bank. Balance \$22,022.43. Few things outstanding but a lot of vendor monies are coming in.

**Program Committee**

Patrice shared Shores of Lake Phelan is the site of March's member meeting and the topic is Brain Injury & Strokes presented by Chantel Harpole from the MN Brain Injury Alliance.

**Membership Committee**

Lynn reported that Angela is having a tough time getting a key to the post office box to pick up new members applications etc. Post Office moved and is in the US Bank building now and the original person who opened the box did that 25 years ago.

**Spring Conference Committee**

Patrice updated for Kari that 700 brochures are printed and ready to mail this week. Kari plans to do an e-mail blast. April 23 is the date of the Spring Conference. Cost to sign up is for members is \$35 and non member \$40 or after April 16<sup>th</sup> it increases to \$40. The committee is down to 3 committee members now and started with 5 or 6. The presenters are Dr. Leah Hanson and Dr. Terry Barclay. Stacy has done a great job with getting vendors and sponsors and they sold out quickly. The mailers should go out today and website will be live on Friday with the ability to register. Care Options Newsletter will also have a blurb on Monday.

**Fall Conference Committee**

Becky reported they had their first meeting recently and that Jeff W. was there also. Vendor spots still left. They will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Plans are going well. Barb N. was thrilled that Jeff was added to help with Fall Aging Conference on our side. . Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Fall Conference at Earle Brown.

**Public Policy Committee**

Christine introduced Mark Anderson of Schmitz and Schmidt. He reported that they are watching bills. There were about six at the meeting. They meet the third Thursday of the month at Right at Home's office near MOA. Mark will send Eunice an e-mail called Senior Advocates which the MN Board on Aging puts out on to give legislative updates. It will say how you can sign up for this in the newsletter.

### **Historian Report**

Erika Toftnes-Kelly has the history. She has looked through and noted that there isn't much from the last two years. She will look to recreate some of that. She also will have a camera at events and will want to take a picture of the board.

### **Community Liaison Committee**

Christine shared this committee's mission with MASWA. They are not going to try to coordinate with us at this time. Thom reported a meeting with Boa Vang in April on Hmong community. The list of community specific organizations in the process of being developed. He also reported that he never heard back from the DHS representative to find out about this position that works with community and is MA funded. Deb reported that she has a list now of colleges that have a gerontology program and will be asking about education fairs. May 30 is the date of an Alzheimer's Breakfast that Health Partners Center for Memory and Aging is putting on with Regions Hospital Foundation. We had discussion about having a booth at cost of \$1000. We felt this wasn't the best event for education and awareness of SPSW. For us to recruit a table of folks and not vend would be free and would give us a chance to check this out for next year. A motion was made to do this and passed. Erika will be a table host so let her know if you don't already have plans to attend and are interested in being at this table. Thom suggested inviting folks from diverse communities to participate at the table and Lynn suggested also inviting them to Spring Conference.

### **Communication:**

Lynn asked all those on the board to send info for the newsletter. Lynn has talked to someone that knows Constant Contact and hopes she has solved why she has had problems with the list. After we have the website up and running for six months or so we'll relook at the lists and make sure all is good.

### **Website:**

Josh gave an update on the website that is live now but still tweaking some things. An e-mail will go to those that have renewed membership already and paid and be told to go to website and update their member information etc. An e-mail to those that have been members in the past that have *not* renewed will go out via Constant Contact. Josh and Lynn will work to get this out. We don't want paid members to get two e-mails as this could cause duplicates in the system. With the new website we need to think about a new brochure so we don't have the paper membership application and can drive people to the website. The website is looking good.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eunice Neubauer

**Next board meeting:**

April 4, 8:30 a.m.  
The Alton