



SPASWA Board Meeting Agenda – May 2ndth 2013

Opening / Christine : *Welcome, thanks for coming; a special thanks to Kari and the committee for another wonderful Spring Conference!*

Secretary's Report / Eunice Neubauer

Minutes from April were approved. They will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report / Jenny Morgan:

\$22,191.22 is current balance. Net income thus far this year is \$4,042. Only bill outstanding is from North Heights for the food service. Treasurer's report was approved.

Program Committee / Patrice Stedman:

Heritage of Roseville is the site of May 14's member meeting and Gretchen Scheffel is the presenter on Sexuality and Seniors. June is Public Policy. July there will be no meeting. August proposed presenter is Lee Truemula a Clinical Therapist from HealthEast and she would present on "taming the resistant clinic". She works out of St. John's and St. Jo's. Site will be Episcopal Homes. Board feedback was very positive to this topic. Patrice will get info to Lynn for the newsletter.

Membership Committee / Angela Regan:

Since April 15 there have been 3 new members via PayPal. We had a laptop at the conference but no one signed up that day. Josh was going to look into having a person do some entering of those members that have paid by check as this now requires more work. Angela is having challenges with getting into website and still no password for Square. She will ask her corporate area if site can be approved at work as she has been blocked from getting into it. Total membership is about 100 members paid for 2013. In looking back we were at about 200 members in May of 2010 so paid membership is a lot lower.

Spring Conference Committee / Kari Kearns :

There were 123 regular attendees and 44 vendor attendees for 167 total attendees. 97 evaluations completed.

Everyone loved the speakers. She passed around the summary from the feedback questionnaire. Kari gave Jenny money from registrations. There were a lot of suggestions for next year and also another venue. These suggested Wilder at Lexington and University. One of the comments received a lot was that folks wanted handouts for the 2nd speaker. I e-mailed PDF handouts to Josh to have them on the website. Vendors commented that they would have preferred more time for breaks.

Fall Conference Committee / Becky Wilken

Everything is going well. Title is Same Song Different Dance, Several of the key note speakers are: Monsieniro Fahey, Henry Harthog and Claudia Black who is a guru in alcohol abuse trauma. Three of the four have written books. We will have a book store again with suggestions for books that could be there. Site is Earl Brown and date Oct. 24. Janelle Beckman is working on vendors for the conference.

Public Policy Committee / Mark Anderson

Meeting is usually 1st Tuesday in the month for public policy. If you are available you may want to attend. Date of Public Policy for June is TBD.

Historian Report / Erika Toftnes-Kelly:

Erika wasn't able to be here this morning, but she still has a few seats at our table for the Research Breakfast; contact her if you know someone who would like to go; thanks for taking pictures at the conference. Erika took pictures that we'll want to get on the site.

Community Liaison Committee / Thom Johnson – Deb Nygaard:

Community Health Worker Alliance May 6th from 3-5 at the Yankee Doodle Blue Cross building. Christine said she was going. Does anyone have a PDF of our brochure to get to Deb? She's continuing to focus on the education side and reach out to schools. Thom has met with the Hmong American Partnership. Christina who directs this is invited to be a guest at our breakfast. All the e-mails Thom had sent to Joan Cleary of Community Health Worker Alliance went into spam folder. Thom is meeting with her on Friday. Thom reported that the MA population is going to increase now given changes called MNSure.

Communication / Lynn Cibuzar:

Lynn will send out newsletter as soon as she gets information from all. She would like by next Wednesday to have out before the following Tuesday.

Website: We have gotten registration issues worked out, and things seem to be going fairly well (Feedback?) Josh gave an update on the website. Some issues are still being fixed like if members address is changed. We discussed hiring the person that Mpls side uses for administration of their website. She gathers info to put on the website, posts minutes, does input of membership etc. Suggestion was to bring her to the next meeting. Currently, the members websites links are not working. Kari said there are some things for spring conference needs to be improved and will share those suggestions offline. Registration has to have some requirements such as name and e-mail and if they had paid. Constant Contact is so much easier to use for events and maybe this is something we can imbed into the site. Josh suggested that we talk to the web person about the registration process. Josh said he learned that when we have something that is specifically needed that searching for web person to do that might be better than a broad RFP.

Other Business

None

Next board meeting / June 6th 8:30 at The Alton