



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2014

Attendance: *Becky Wilkins, Laurie Cherry, Christine Maxwell, Jeff Wigren, Rebecca Pederson, Angela Regan, Deb Nyggard, John Henry, Robin Reno, Patrice Stedman, Kari Kearns, Laurel McQueen*

Not in Attendance: *Jenny Morgan, Mark Anderson, Rebecca Pederson, Lisa Dunn*

Opening / Christine: *Christine welcomed everyone to the meeting.*

Secretary's Report / Patrice Stedman: *July minutes approved and motion made to accept them by Deb Nyggard and seconded by Becky Wilkins.*

Treasurer's Report / Jenny Morgan: *Jenny Morgan absent: Christine reports per Jenny there is \$14,422 in the account. With about \$70.00 in the PayPal account. No known pending bills. We did not officially make a motion to accept the treasurer's report.*

Program Committee / Laurie Cherry: *Sept 4 will be the next meeting date held at Sunrise Sr. Living. Kelly Jo Griner will be the speaker. Laurie reported Wilder charges \$125 to have a meeting at their location. It was decided that is too expensive and there are many other locations that would host a meeting for no cost. She has reached out to possible new hosts like Dellwood Gardens and Sunlight Sr. Living. Asked the group if we should have a Fall Mixer like the one from the Spring. After discussion, it was suggested it be in Oct. at the Chatterbox in Highland Park.*

Membership Committee / Angela Regan: *Angela Regan reported Paul Blom asked for SPSWA membership list to use to send out invitations for the Fall Aging Conference. 13 new members joined in July. Jeff Wigren will reach out to the new members to welcome them to SPSWA.*

Spring Conference Committee / Kari Kearns: *Kari Kearns reported they are looking at the first Tuesday of April, April 7, 2015 for the conference. Members on the committee this year are: Molly Lund, Kari Kearns, Deb Lang, Stacy Piper, Laurel McQueen and Cheryl Kasae. Kari is looking to have someone take over being committee chair for 2016. Becky Wilkins will work with Kari on coming up with possible speakers with expertise on alternative therapies for dealing with dementia, senior mental illness etc. Kari recapped comments made from the Spring Conference and shared some possible topics for next year.*

Fall Conference Committee / Jeff Wigren/Deb Nygaard: *Deb and Jeff reported there was no committee meeting in July. Brochures for the Fall Conference will be mailed August 23*

Public Policy Committee / Mark Anderson: *Mark not in attendance. Jeff Wigren reported we could meet for a short term solution at the MN Aging Services office space. They share it with MN hospital Group so would not be a long term meeting place. He will continue to look for a centrally located office space for the public policy meetings.*

Historian Report / Rebecca Pederson: *Rebecca Pederson was absent. Christine reports she is in the process of downloading pictures associated with SPSWA to the website.*

Community Liaison Committee / Deb Nygaard & Laurel McQueen: *No new updates at this time.*

Communication / Lisa Dunn: *Lisa Dunn was absent, no update available.*

Website: *Lisa Dunn was absent, no update available.*

Other Business:

- *Christine Maxwell asked us to think about if we all want to remain on the board in our current positions for next year. She will talk with Jeff Wigren to see if his schedule will allow him to be a dedicated President for 2015-2017. The by laws state that the current President could continue on if they so desire. If Jeff is not able to commit to the President role, we will need to recruit someone for the VP position. The bylaws do not allow the same person to have a second term as VP.*
- *Brainstorming discussion of how to use some of the money in the account. Possibly offer scholarships for people in a LPN or CNA program. Laurel McQueen will check into what colleges in the St. Paul area offer these programs. Maybe give \$700+ to help someone attend/complete the CNA program. Suggest they shadow a working CNA before they start school to make sure this is the field they want to pursue. Require them to enroll in the 2 week program so they stay motivated and graduate. Some students may drop out in a 3 month program and then the monies used to pay for their education will be lost as they would not graduate. John Henry, Rebecca Pederson, Laurel McQueen and Becky Wilkins said they would meet to refine the ideas and reports back in Sept. what they found out and are suggesting.*

**Next board meeting will be Thursday, September 4th 2014
8:30-10:00 AM at Arthur's Café on Rice Street north of Highway 36**