



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2014

Attendance: *Kari Kearns, Deb Nyggard, John Henry, Laurie Cherry, Patrice Stedman, Christine Maxwell, Jenny Morgan, Robin Reno, Lisa Dunn, Rebecca Pedersen, Becky Wilkens.*

Not in attendance: *Angela Regan, Laurel McQueen, Mark Anderson*

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

Secretary's Report/Patrice Stedman: *Kari Kearns made motion to approve secretary minutes for October. Deb Nyggard seconded.*

Treasurer's Report/Jenny Morgan: *Jenny reports there is \$11,855 balance in the SPSWA account. There is \$300 in pay pal payments. The Fall social expenses were \$375 and is was already subtracted from the over all balance. Jenny purchased the projector with case and Deb Nyggard will keep it at her office at Arthurs. Deb Nyggard made motion to accept treasurer's report and Kari Kearns seconded.*

Program Committee/Laurie Cherry: *Laurie Cherry reported the SPSWA meeting will be Nov. 11 at Keystone Living in Eagan. Mary Therese O'Keeffe will present. Laurie asked if it is ok for guest speaker to bring her books to sell and Board agreed it was fine to do so.*

Membership Committee/Angela Regan: *Angela Regan was not present. Christine did not have a report to share. Angela will stay on SPSWA until Fall of 2015.*

Spring Conference Committee/Kari Kearns: *Kari Kearns reported the Spring Conference will take place at DS Event Center again next year on April 7th. One possible speaker could be Susan Strauss speaking on Senior Bullying and sexual harassment to seniors. Committee is investigating if she will be available and she is not confirmed at this time. Ted Boeman is also confirmed to present on Resilience, changes with families dealing with Seniors. Committee members for 2015 are Kari Kearns, Molly Lund, Deb Lang, Cheryl Kaase, Penny Johnson, Stacy Piper and Julie Ellingson.*

Fall Conference Committee/Deb Nyggard: *Deb Nyggard reported 471 people including vendors attended the 2014 conference. There were only 2 less vendors than last year. Most feedback has been positive. Committee will know more once Survey Monkey provides final results of survey emailed to attendees.*

Public Policy Committee/Rebecca Pedersen/Christine Maxwell.: *Christine Maxwell's reported they have decided on a permanent meeting site which will be at 2626 East 82nd Street Bloomington, MN. They will meet 9-10 AM every 4th Tuesday of the month. Meeting will be held in a conference room on 1st floor in the atrium area. 10 people were in attendance at the Oct. meeting. It was advertised in Care Options network this time.*

Next meeting presenter will be Kim Dayton whose is on the faculty at Hamline Law. It will be held in RM 106 from 2:30-4:00 PM. Deb Nyggrrd will put this in Care Options for late Nov. early Dec

Scholarship Committee: *Team consists of Becky Wilkins, Laurel McQueen and John Henry. They met with Dakota County technical College staff. The college will be happy to work with SPSWA and manager the program for us. Helping decide how students can apply, how to confirm student graduated successfully from he program. Some discussion held as to what amount and how many scholarships should be given per semester. Keeping in mind, that if there are 3 semesters a year @ \$1000 a semester, that is \$3000 a year. Can we sustain that amount moving forward? Team was going to meet with Century College staff to see how they feel about participating in the program. Some discussion if we should start small, 1 college for a year to see how it works and then decide if we should expand it to 2 schools. Lisa Dunn made motion to give \$1000.00 to scholarship team to decide how much to award and Rebecca Pedersen seconded.*

Historian Report/Laurel McQueen: *Christine Maxwell reported Laurel McQueen will take over for Rebecca Pedersen who has too many work commitments.*

Communication (newsletter and website)/Lisa Dunn: *Lisa Dunn said she is still struggling as to when she should send out the newsletter. Suggested we move monthly SPSWA meeting to the last Thur. of the month starting in Jan. so she can then get newsletter out the first week for the next month. Discussed moving meeting day and all agreed to try it for 2014. First meeting for 2015 will be Jan. 22.*

Other Business:

- *Discussed revision of by laws: Discussion: Should we add a social chair person? Should we add a nominating chair person? Kari Kearns will check with Deb Bland to see if she wants to be the Social Chair person. Do we want to have rules that you can only miss 3 board meetings a year and miss 3 monthly SPSWA a Year? Continue discussions to Jan. meeting when we have a full board. It is a voluntary board and people are busy, we might need to remain flexible on attendance. Board is to read the amended bylaws and give Lisa Dunn feedback. She will send it out to Board for all to review. Board is looking for someone to be the Community Liaison Chair.*
- *Retreat for Board will be Jan 22, 2015 at Arthurs from 8:30-11:30. Regular monthly SPSWA meeting will be held at this meeting.*
- *Christine Maxwell will complete the form to renew getting CEU's from the Board of SW for 2015.*

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