



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – Oct. 2, 2014

Attendance: *Laurie Cherry, John Henry Christine Maxwell, Patrice Stedman, Laurel McQueen, Deb Nygaard, Lisa Dunn, Angela Regan, Becky Wilkins, Lisa Dunn, Rebecca Pedersen, Guest Jim Zenk.*

Not in Attendance: *Jenny Morgan, Mark Anderson, Robin Reno, Kari Kearns, Jeff Wigren..*

Opening / Christine: *Christine welcomed Jim Zenk as a guest asking him to consider being a member at large for SPSWA. Christine said Jeff Wigren has resigned from the Board due to family and work commitments.*

Secretary's Report / Patrice Stedman: *September minutes approved and motion made to accept them by Becky Wilkins and second by Lisa Dunn.*

Treasurer's Report / Jenny Morgan: *Christine Maxwell reported on behalf of Jenny Morgan that there is 14,350.33 in the account. No outstanding bills. Jenny did purchase an overhead projector and case. Motion made by Lisa Dunn to accept the treasurer's report and Becky Wilkins seconded.*

Program Committee / Laurie Cherry: *Laurie Cherry reported she has reserved Granite City for Oct. 14 for the Fall Social. It will take place at 3:30-6:30. Deb Nygaard will put an announcement in Network News about the Fall Social. Granite City was a good location so will try them again this year. Nov. SPSWA meeting will be at Keystone Community in Eagan and the presenter will be Mary O'Keefe. Topic is cancer survivor, using a holistic approach. Laurie will get a bio from Mary to give to Lisa who will put it in the online newsletter.*

Membership Committee / Angela Regan: *Angela Regan reported that SPSWA will have a table at the Fall Conference. Deb Nygaard will bring the new brochures and Angela will sit near the check in table to sign up new members. Dec. 1 and Dec. 15 a renewal reminder will be put on the website to encourage people to renew for 2015. Angela will ask web support person to add membership renewal info to website. Public policy meeting is Dec. 9, Angela will try to register new members or have people renew at that meeting. Deb Nygaard will order 500 business cards to hand out with SPSWA website and registration info on cards. Lisa Dunn made motion to spend money to have cards printed up and John Henry seconded.*

Spring Conference Committee / Kari Kearns: *Christine Maxwell's provided Kari Kearns report. Ted Bowman will present at the Spring Conference. Laurel McQueen has been emailing him, He is asking for a \$350 fee. He inquired if we wanted a workshop format or just a presentation. The committee is looking for another speaker to present for 45 minutes. Becky Wilkins sent a list of resources to the conference committee who can speak on holistic approaches in regards to senior issues.*

Fall Conference Committee / Jeff Wigren/Deb Nygaard: *Deb Nygaard reported they had a great meeting last week. Janelle, Allison and Paul are stepping down. They take with them years of experience and guidance Committee is*

thinking of ways to save money for this year as the number of vendors is down some. Talked about the expense of the Earle Brown Center, is it time to look for a new venue.

Public Policy/Mark Anderson: *Mark Anderson not in attendance so Christine Maxwell gave the report. They met in late Sept. and there were just 4 people there. They have an invite out to Amy Klobchar with a tentative acceptance to speak at the Dec. 9th public policy meeting. She might talk on the Minnesota care act. The committee has decided to meet in the same place each month to reduce confusion on where they meeting is at each month. They meet 4th Tue of each month at 9:00 AM at 2626 E. 82nd Street, Bloomington, 1st floor conference room. Christine asked members to invite people to attend a meeting and think about being on the committee. Lisa Dunn will reach out to Aging Services to see if she can generate some interest from their employees to be on the committee.*

Historian Report / Rebecca Pederson: *Rebecca Pedersen reported she is stepping down due to family and work commitments. She will participate on committee as member at large.*

Community Liaison Committee / Deb Nygaard & Laurel McQueen: *Becky Wilkins talked some about the scholarship program. It is more expensive that committee thought, closer to \$1300. Some discussion is does committee want to move forward on devising an application process and monitoring if the student completes the courses for CNA?*

Communication / Lisa Dunn: *Lisa Dunn did not have any ting new to report.*

Website: *Lisa Dunn did not have anything new to report.*

Other Business:

**Next board meeting will be Thursday, November 6, 2014
8:30-10:00 AM at Arthur's Café on Rice Street north of Highway 36**