



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – July 10th 2014

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

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

Secretary's Report / Patrice Stedman: *June minutes approved by Deb Nyggard and seconded by Becky Wilkins.*

Treasurer's Report / Jenny Morgan: *Jenny reports there is \$14,718 in the account. \$5087 was spent on the website in the last 6 months. Since there is a lot of money in the account and had some discussion if we want to make a donation in the form of a scholarship to a student in a gerontology program. Create a sub committee to research and define what we want to donate and to who. Rebecca, Becky and Jenny volunteered to be on the sub committee. They will report back at the Aug. meeting what they discovered and to define what the scholarship should be: \$1500-\$2500. Rebecca made the motion and Jenny 2nd.*

Program Committee / Laurie Cherry: *Aug. 12 is our next date at Walker Hazel Ridge. Kelly JO Grinder will be the speaker and is from the MN Board on aging. Sept 9 the meeting will be held at Oak Park Sr. Living and Kay King will be the presenter. October will be Fall Aging Conference, Nov. the meeting will be held at Keystone Senior living. Laurie wants to email social workers who attended the Spring Conference to see what topics they might like to see at our monthly meeting. She also is going to try and have panels in 2015 for the meetings. She also is going to reach out to e places that have not hosted before.*

Membership Committee / Angela Regan: *Angela not in attendance. Christine did report that Angels told her a few people joined in the last few weeks. Jeff will contact these new members and welcome them to SPSWA and thank them for becoming members.*

Spring Conference Committee / Kari Kearns : *Kari not in attendance no report available.*

Fall Conference Committee / Jeff Wigren/Deb Nygaard: *Deb and Jeff reported Amy Earl from Hennepin County has been involved with the Fall Conference for years. She has kept conference brochures and those were passed around the table. The Fall Conference is 40 years old this year. Theme is "Serving Those who serve our seniors", 5 CEU's are available, price is going up about \$10 which keeps it under \$100. Discussed making signage to put on display stating our mission. Christine moved to spend money to do this and Becky 2nd.*

Public Policy Committee / Mark Anderson: *Mark not in attendance. A few board members attended the June public policy meeting. The speaker was good, did not learn a lot, there was a small turn out which could be as it was in MPLS. Christine opened discussion on how we can generate interest in the public policy, perhaps a more central location to meet, increases the number of member?*

Historian Report / Rebecca Pederson: *She is pulling up job descriptions from websites to define our historians role, purpose.*

Community Liaison Committee / Deb Nygaard & Laurel McQueen: *Deb Nyggard asked Lisa Dunn for photos form events and received 200+ of them.*

Communication / Lisa Dunn: *Lisa Dunn was not in attendance, no update available.*

Website: *No new updates.*

Other Business: *Jeff Wigren will check with the MN Aging Service if public policy meeting can be held there in their office.*

Next board meeting will be Thursday, August 7th, 2014
Arthur's Café on Rice Street north of Highway 36