



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – Sept. 4, 2014

Attendance: *Becky Wilkins, Lisa Dunn, Christine Maxwell, Jeff Wigren, Rebecca Pedersen, Deb Nyggard, John Henry, Robin Reno, Patrice Stedman, Kari Kearns, Laurel McQueen, Jenny Morgan,*

Not in Attendance: *Angela Regan, Mark Anderson, Laurie Cherry*

Opening / Christine: *Christine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Laurel McQueen made a short presentation about her company, Dynamic Legacies. It is as a crossroads and needs referrals/clients. It is a gentle approach to body management for seniors. Private pay PT and body wellness.*

Secretary's Report / Patrice Stedman: *August minutes approved and motion made to accept them by Jenny Morgan and Kari Kearns second.*

Treasurer's Report / Jenny Morgan: *Jenny Morgan reported \$14,350.33 in the account. No outstanding bills.*

Program Committee / Laurie Cherry: *Laurie Cherry not in attendance. Christine Maxwell reported Sept. 9th workshop will be at Oak Park Heights Senior Living. Kay King will be the presenter. She is charging \$50.00 to present. There was discussion on difficulty on having sites have LCD projectors available for presentations. Patrice made motion to purchase a LCD projector and Jenny Morgan second. Lisa Dunn made second motion to buy a Apple adapter so it will work with all pc types and buy a cover to protect machine, second by Jenny Morgan. Jenny will look at Best Buy for costs. We can purchase projector as tax exempt. Jeff Wigren talked about ARMS and will update Laurie Cherry to see if we should have them as a guest speaker. Will have the Fall Social at the Chatterbox in Highland Park on Tue. Oct. 7 form 3-6 PM. Jeff Wigren will check with Laurie Cherry to see if she has reserved space for it, if not he will make reservation.*

Membership Committee / Angela Regan: *Angela Regan not in attendance. Christine Maxwell reported no new updates on membership. She asked us to check our emails to see if we received an email to register for the Fall conference.*

Spring Conference Committee / Kari Kearns: *Kari Kearns asked if Becky Wilkins had time to check into alternative therapies for seniors. Becky ahs been busy at work and will touch base with Kari to review what direction to take. Looking to have Ted Bowman as a speaker at the conference. Kari is stepping down at chair for Spring Conference and is looking for someone to shadow her this year while planning so they know what to do next year when they will be the new Chair.*

Fall Conference Committee / Jeff Wigren/Deb Nygaard: *Deb Nygaard reported one of the speakers is a care giver for his wife. He will fly in 1 ½ hours before he is to speak so she hopes his flight arrives on time. Janelle, Allison and Paul will not be on the committee next year. A lot f valuable knowledge will be gone. 25 vendors form last year did not return. Some found it to not be worth while as they did not get referrals form attending. There are 15 vendor spots available still. Discuss that maybe issue lunch tickets next year as some Fall Committee members believe people don't*

pay for the conference, attend and eat lunch. No one SPSWA committee received a hard copy of the Fall Conference brochure.

Public Policy/Mark Anderson: *Mark Anderson not in attendance .Mark is very busy at work and committee wonders if he has time to commit to SPSWA. Jeff Wigren said Joy Gullickson, attorney, may be interested in being on Public Policy. He will talk to her about it. Rebecca Pedersen will think about being on the committee as well.*

Historian Report / Rebecca Pederson: *Rebecca Pedersen reported she is working on a job description for the historian role. Suggested we post by laws on the website so it is available for everyone. Some SPSWA pictures have been added to the website, more to come.*

Community Liaison Committee / Deb Nygaard & Laurel McQueen: *Deb Nygaard is working on updating SPSWA brochure. She passed it around for review and made updates to it. Jenny Morgan made a motion to print 1000 brochures to have available at SPSWA, second by Becky Wilkins. Jeff Wigren will ask the Fall Conference committee if we can add the new SPSWA brochure to the bag attendees will get at conference. We will plan to be able to have people register to become a member at Fall Conference.*

Communication / Lisa Dunn: *Lisa Dunn feels like she is struggling to get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Some times it goes out 2-3 times due to changes. Statistics show about 30-40% of SPSWA members look at the newsletter. Agreed that she can send out the newsletter near the first of each month. .*

Website: *Lisa Dunn reported Cris our website support person, job is shifting and she is not sure she will have time to update the site. Lisa will talk with Cris to encourage her to continue working with SPSWA.*

Other Business:

- *Christine Maxwell asked each member if they wanted to stay on the committee in their current role, everyone in attendance said yes, with the exception of Kari Kearns who will step down as Spring Conference chair. Christine will ask Laurie Cherry, Mark Anderson and Angela Regan if they want to remain on committee or not. Due to Jeff Wigren new job, he will not have time to fulfill the responsibilities of President. Deb Nygaard made motions to have Christine remain as President and Jeff as VP, second by Laurel McQueen. .*
- *Discussion about amending the by laws to allow member s to have longer terms and review by laws over all. Laurel McQueen, Lisa Dunn and Jeff Wigren will work as a sub committee to amend the by laws and bring them to the committee for review in November.*
- *Patrice Stedman asked where the sub committee was at with plans for the scholarship program for CAN/ to help pay for their education. Sub committee of John Henry, Laurel McQueen, Rebecca Pedersen and Becky Wilkins will meet later in Sept. to create guidelines what the application process should be. Possibly split \$3500 between 5 scholarship applicants. They will give an update at Oct. meeting.*

**Next board meeting will be Thursday, October 2, 2014
8:30-10:00 AM at Arthur's Café on Rice Street north of Highway 36**