



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2015

Attendance: *Christine Maxwell, Jenny Morgan, Lisa Dunn, Randy Gnadke, Robin Reno, Becky Wilkens, Laurel McQueen, John Henry, Rebecca Pedersen, Kathy Weidemier, Jim Zenk, Patrice Stedman.*

Not in attendance: *Angela Regan, Deb Nyggard, Penny Johnson, Kari Kearns.*

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

Secretary's Report/Patrice Stedman: *Feb. meeting minutes were passed around the room and a few corrections were made. Laurel McQueen made the motion to accept the minutes and Jenny Morgan second.*

Treasurer's Report/Jenny Morgan: *Jenny reports there is \$20,189 in the account and \$275 in Pay Pal account. There was a net income of \$29,304 for 2014. The 2 scholarships have been paid as well as the Spring Conference costs have been paid. Becky Wilkens made motion to accept treasures report ad Laurel McQueen second.*

Program Committee/Laurie Cherry: *Laurie Cherry asked for help for 2016 to find speakers and locations. Kathy Weidemier, Becky Wilkens and John Henry offered to help Laurie for next year. Lisa Dunn will put on website a note in the newsletter to see if members want to help as a subcommittee. March meeting presenter is Anne Denny talking about Living Well and End of life conversations. It will be held at Cerenity in White Bear Lake*

Membership Committee/Angela Regan: *Christine Maxwell reported there are 400+ people requesting newsletters per month. Christine asked board members to show up early at the networking meetings to help with new member registration.*

Spring Conference Committee/Kari Kearns: *Laurel McQueen reported all the vendors tables are sold out. Brochures have been mailed out. The venue was called DS Event Center and had a name change to Mid Pointe Event Center. Spring Conference is April 7.*

Fall Conference Committee/Deb Nyggard: *John Henry reported that this year's committee is a good team. He passed around bio highlighting speakers. They feel they are ahead of schedule. The Fall conference will be Oct. 29 at The Earle Brown Center.*

Public Policy Committee/Rebecca Pedersen/Christine Maxwell: *Robin Reno said the public policy meetings are open to all SPSWA members and encourages people to attend. Robin said there is a lot of knowledge by the attendees regarding policies related to seniors Deb Nyggard and Robin went to the Capital to show support for Alzheimer's research in Feb. Robin will put in Care Options a notice when the public policy is meeting will*

meet. She is wondering if there will be space at the Spring Conference to have material to hand out about SPAWA and public policy related issues.

Scholarship Committee: *Laurel McQueen presented a check to the St. Paul College and they hope to have this awarded at the Spring Conference. Becky Wilkens presented a check to the Dakota County Technical College. She will try to get the recipient to attend the Spring Conference. Lisa Dunn will get a picture from Laurel and Becky from the check presentation and have it added to the website.*

Historian Report/Laurel McQueen: *Laurel McQueen reported that Becky Pedersen handed off very little data to her. She does recall being given a jump drive with all the historical data and pictures on it. Ericka was the last person that we could recall who had the jump drive and believe it was passed to Becky Pedersen. Becky Pedersen thinks Deb Nyggard may have to have the jump drive from after a meeting they were at. Jim Zenk will help with taking pictures at events and help start re-archiving if needed. Jim will also take on putting things on the website himself. He is comfortable with working on and updating websites. He will meet with Steve, Christine and Lisa to learn how to update the SPSWA website.*

Communication (newsletter and website)/Lisa Dunn: *Lisa Dunn asked the board members to submit a picture of themselves and a short bio and she will get them added to the SPSWA website. She said the Spring Conference online registrations being tested now and she is work with Cris and Steve on this. It should be available in a few days.*

Other Business:

No additional items were discussed or reviewed.

Next board meeting will be March 26, 2015
8:30-10:00 AM at Arthur's Café on Rice Street north of Highway 36