



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2015

Attendance: *Becky Wilkens, Angela Regan, Jenny Morgan, Christine Maxwell, Robin Reno, Laurel McQueen, Lisa Dunn, Patrice Stedman, Kari Kearns, Laurie Cherry, John Henry, Mark Anderson, and Kathy Wedemeyer and Jim Zenk.*

Not in attendance: *Randy Gnadke, Deb Nyggard, Becky Pedersen.*

Opening/Christine Maxwell: *We met at the Downtowner restaurant in St. Paul. We went around the room and introduced ourselves.*

Secretary's Report/Patrice Stedman: *Patrice Stedman passed around the Dec. meeting minutes for review. Jenny Morgan made a motion to accept minutes and Laurel McQueen second.*

Treasurer's Report/Jenny Morgan: *Jenny Morgan stated there is \$17,118 in the account. Kari Kearns made the motion to receive the treasures report and Becky Wilkins second.*

Program Committee/Laurie Cherry: *Laurie Cherry reported that the locations and speakers are set up for 2015. She shared a list of locations and speakers with the Board. She asked if a member at large would like to take over creating the CEU form to hand out at the monthly meetings. Kathy Wedemeyer volunteered to do this task. She will also put notification into Care Options Network as needed to announce meetings/events for SPSWA. Suggested when advertising in Care Options, have a line in large prints, Attention: SW, nurses, CSA's, plan to attend the next SPSWA meeting.*

Membership Committee/Angela Regan: *Lisa Dunn will have Cris (web support) put the newsletter on the website reminding people of the annual membership renewal in Dec. The website will then automatically send out emails that all memberships need to be renewed in Jan...*

Spring Conference Committee/Kari Kearns: *Kari Kearns reported the title for this years conference is "2015 SPSWA Dignity and Resilience will be held April 7 at the DS Event Center in St. Paul. Last years conference was held there. Laurel McQueen shared the speakers will be Ted Boeman and Joyce Gayle.*

Fall Conference Committee/Deb Nyggard: *Deb Nyggard and John Henry are on the committee for 2015. No updates at this time.*

Public Policy Committee/Rebecca Pedersen/Robin Reno: *Christine Maxwell gave an overview of what the public policy team is about: What upcoming proposed policies cold/will effect seniors in any capacity. Becky Pedersen and Robin Reno will represent SPSWA. .*

Scholarship Committee/Team consists of Becky Wilkins, Laurel McQueen and John Henry: Laurel McQueen and Becky Wilkins reports 2 total scholarships for \$500 each will be awarded at The Spring Conference if the selected students have successfully completed school and passed CNA the exam.

Historian Report/Laurel McQueen: Christine reported if we find any old articles/information about SPSWA, forward it to Laurel McQueen and she will decide how to archive it.

Community Liaison/Randy Gnadke: not in attendance, no update.

Communication (newsletter and website)/Lisa Dunn: New by laws will be presented at the next SPSWA meeting.

Other Business: .

- Starting in Feb. The SPSWA board will meet the 4th Thur. Of each month instead of the first Thursday of each month. So the next meeting after Jan. Will be Feb 26th. Meeting time of 8:30-10 will remain the same.
- Discussed ordering business cards for each board member. Deb Nyggard will get the cards printed up. Having cards to hand out will help in networking and sharing the mission of SPSWA.

Next board meeting will be February 26th, at J. Arthur's at 2441 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55113