



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2015

Attendance: *Christine Maxwell, Jenny Morgan, Lisa Dunn, Randy Gnadke, Robin Reno, Becky Wilken, Laurel McQueen, Rebecca Pedersen, Jim Zenk, Patrice Stedman, Angela Regan, Deb Nygaard, Kari Kearns.*

Not in attendance: *Laurie Cherry, John Henry, Penny Johnson, Kathy Wedemeyer.*

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

Secretary's Report/Patrice Stedman: *Patrice Stedman submitted Feb. meeting minutes which were passed around the table to have members make needed changes. Jenny Morgan made the motion to accept the minutes and Angela Regan second.*

Treasurer's Report/Jenny Morgan: *Jenny Morgan reported there is \$17,389 in the account and includes \$2000 from the Pay Pal account. Kari Kearns made the motion to accept the treasures report and Deb Nygaard second*

Program Committee/Laurie Cherry: *Christine Maxwell reported on behalf of Laurie Cherry that there is no regular monthly networking meeting in April as the Spring Conference will be held April 7th. The next meeting will be May 12th meeting at the Light House of Mahtomedi.*

Membership Committee/Angela Regan: *Angela Regan reported some people are signing up for the Spring Conference that are not members but are indicating they are a member so they can pay \$35 instead of \$40 to attend the conference. Discussion around can Cris, (web support) put something on the SPSWA website to alert a person signing on that their membership is paid up or past due. If past due, give them a screen where they can renew their membership. Lisa Dunn will check with Steve to see if we can put something in place so people cannot register before paying to be a member. Suggestion was made to get the current SPSWA logo to Angela so she can have name badges made up for the Spring Conference. Lisa will get it from Cris and forward it to Angela.*

Spring Conference Committee/Kari Kearns: *Kari Kearns reports there will be space available for Angela to sit at a table to have people sign up for membership. There also will be space available to display public policy material. 4 \$100 gift cards will be given out as prizes provided by vendors. Prizes awarded for existing and new membership. Julie Ellingson and Penny Johnson are in charge of registration this year. Becky Wilken will check with Julie E. about how to handle check in in regards to tickets. 125 people have registered, including vendors. Last year 141 people attended, including vendors. Jenny Morgan offered a 2 night stay at her Inn in Stillwater as a prize to be given away. Lisa Dunn made a motion to give a gift of \$300 to the Spring Conference committee members as a way to thank them for all the hard work they did to get the conference together. Becky*

Wilken second. They can treat themselves to happy hour etc. Approved giving 2 scholarships to allow 2 people to attend the conference for free. Christine Maxwell will coordinate who will receive them.

Fall Conference Committee/Deb Nygaard: *Deb Nygaard reported it has been a good year so far working on the conference. The team is excited about the speakers. They are looking for 1 more presenter. The conference will be held Oct. 22 at Earle Brown Center.*

Public Policy Committee/Christine Maxwell/Robin Reno: *Robin Reno, Christine Maxwell and two other people attended the March public policy meeting. No discussion on what was discussed at the meeting. Attendance is low and it is difficult to generate interest for people to attend the meetings.*

Scholarship Committee: *Laurel McQueen reported on the "C3 fellows", a college/health care partnership to bring employers to the urban area to entice people to get into the health care field. A person involved in this program, Brian, would like to talk for a few minutes at our next Board meeting to explain his program and ask for our support. Board decided to invite him to the Aug. 11th networking meeting and allow him 5-10 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to present his material. Dakota County Technical College has selected their scholarship candidate, Savannah Brown. Plan to have her in attendance at the Spring Conference.*

Historian Report/Laurel McQueen: *There was no discussion for this area.*

Communication (newsletter and website)/Lisa Dunn/Jim Zenk: *Jim Zenk said has not had time to meet with Christine Maxwell to see what we need to do to update the website. They will try to get together in April. Lisa Dunn again asked the Board for a picture of themselves and a short bio to be added to the SPSWA website.*

Other Business:

- 1) *Discussion around if meeting the 4th Thursday of the month is working for everyone. Board said yes it is a good day of the month to meet.*

**Next board meeting will be April 23, 2015
8:30-10:00 AM at Arthur's Café on Rice Street north of Highway 36**