

Heart of Wisconsin District 5 Annual Meeting

September 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Lee, President. The 12 members present made introductions.

Elections – the following members were elected to positions. Secretary – Kathie Bartylla, Treasurer – Linda Duffy, Directors – Dani Lai and Rosemarie Schroeder. Kathy received five votes to be reelected for President. She will not accept the position for another term. However, she will remain on the BOD as immediate past President and will continue to perform the duties of president including participating in the WNA President teleconferences. Elections were held by electronic ballot. Twenty five DNA members voted. Kathy thanked outgoing officers, Jonna Kronholm (secretary) and Mary Schwanebeck and Jackie Pfeifer (Board of Directors).

Kathy introduced Gina Dennik Champion, WNA Executive Administrator. Gina provided information packets. The packet information was reviewed along with an update of activities that WNA has been addressing, including legislative action, WNA Convention news and references, and Center for American Nurses (CAN) activities.

Copies of the May 12, 2008 annual meeting were distributed and reviewed. M. Schwanebeck made a motion with a second by Linda Duffy. They were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. The district has a balance of \$2924.84 in a Saving Account and \$599.25 in the checking account.

The WNA Convention is October 22 through October 24 in Milwaukee at the Pfister Hotel. Districts and other groups are invited to participate in a Variety Show. No one present had ideas during the meeting. If an idea comes about, we could participate. Let Kathy know. Otherwise, District 5 will decline the invitation. The concept of financially supporting District members who attend this year's Convention was discussed. Linda Duffy made a motion to provide \$100 for the 100th year celebration to the first 20 district members who request Convention monetary assistance. Ann Ruesch seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Kathy will e-mail other members to notify them about this opportunity. Contact should be made with Linda Duffy, Treasurer. Linda volunteered to make a basket for the NFW silent auction. Mary made a motion with a second from Lori Eithun for Linda to purchase \$30 of cranberry related items for the basket.

Kathy asked for ideas for how the district members want to proceed in the future. After discussion, we decided to get involved with disseminating information about Health Care Reform. We will need to keep informed about the developments in the legislative arena before we proceed. A legislative event was recommended. Louis Molepske and Julie Lassa are both from Stevens Point so an event in Stevens Point would be preferable. A Saturday lunch or brunch may be the best time frame during a time when the legislators are out of session and back at home, perhaps some time in February. This activity would coincide with WNA Goal #1 "Collectively and collaboratively advocate for access to comprehensive quality health care service for all people". Another idea to pursue was to survey DNA #5 members about needs and issues that they would want to address in the coming year. The Conflict Engagement offering from CAN is a possibility of a need. The survey tool that Kathy used for elections is easy and worked well so the survey could be accomplished through that tool also.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonna Kronholm, District 5 Secretary