

Minutes for WALC meeting of Nov 15, 2005 Ruth Sweet, WALC secretary

Host: Columbia – St Mary's

Important Announcement: Fred Risser's office is continuing with the Senate bill 368 to support breastfeeding. This information is at the WALC website and included with the minutes. Please contact the Senate committee members to urge them to act on this bill. Contact information is listed. Please send a personal letter because this is far more effective than a phone call or email contact.

Weather Emergencies: We live in Wisconsin, It is winter, driving conditions can be dangerous. We usually do not cancel meetings, but if we do, we will try to have the meeting site informed. Do not come when you feel that conditions are unsafe.

Educational Content:

Helen Pappas and Bridgit Valla presented "Collaboration of the Speech Language Pathologist and the Lactation Consultant: Babies Having Feeding Difficulties. Helen is a WALC member, Briget can be reached at 414-291-1057 or bvalla@columbia-stmarys.org A brief synopsis of their talk can be found at our website: <http://walc.net>

Business Meeting Called to order by Carol Cox at 12:45 PM.

September minutes were accepted as written. Whenever you notice problems with the published minutes, please notify the secretary, Ruth Sweet, or one of the other officers.

Distribution of minutes: Many members have notified Sandy Testin that they can access their minutes from the website. Some have paper copies mailed. Our mailing costs have decreased dramatically. Because our mailing costs are now manageable, we will include the one page synopsis of the educational content. If you currently receive a paper copy but are able to save paper and postage by reading on line, please contact Sandy testrath@charter.net.

There is also a WALC yahoo list serve where members can discuss topics of interest to the group. Please contact Ruth Sweet jsweet@ssc.wisc.edu if you want to be invited to the listserv or you can also access it directly through YahooGroups.com. The system for inviting people to yahoo groups has changed and you must request before we will send you an invite. Go to <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/WALC> and click Join.

Treasurer's Report: Terri Funk reported a treasury balance that is close to \$6,000. There is about \$420 in the scholarship fund. Terri will resign at the end of this fiscal year. Kathy Russell volunteered for this position.

Incidentally the positions up for election this year are treasurer (as noted above) and secretary. Ruth can continue for another term.

Program Committee: Next meeting: Jan 20, 2006 St Joseph's Out Patient Center near Hwys 94 and 100. Jennifer Pankowski will discuss infant sign language. As always, check the website for more complete information.

May 16, 2006 is our Clinic Day, again at Mauston. Topics: Ethics - Winnie Mading, Breast Pumps – Ruth Sweet, Milk Banks – Lisa Brock.

Sept 15, 2006 will be at Green Bay, likely Oneida Nation. This is where those attending the ILCA conference will report to the group. Please remember when you apply for the scholarship funds that you are obligated to report at the Sept meeting.

Nov 14, 2006 will be at Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center. No Topic yet. (Please Note that this is not the usual date for our meeting, but we can not meet the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.)

Board Report:

Tax Exempt Status. We have started working with a tax attorney and hope to have this completed before we start moving money for the 2006 conference.

The rules for conference scholarship will be made more explicit. This year a couple people needed to return money to WALC when they were unable to report to the group.

The ballot will be sent with January minutes. Both treasurer and secretary will be listed on the ballot. Please contact a board member if you have a nomination.

Conference Committee: Pat Gima.

The Brochure is on the Website and will soon be mailed out.

Outreach: Several members expressed the desire to have ICEA notified about our conferences and to have CEU's for ICEA available for our conferences. We will attempt to have CEU's for ICEA as soon as possible, maybe in time for the 2006 conference. Please deliver conference brochures to all childbirth educators that you know.

Look at our web site for more complete information about conference plans. Download the conference Brochure to share with as many people as possible.

Membership Committee: Sandy Testin reported 148 members.

Resources: Kris Walleser Please check the list of resources prior to a meeting and contact Kris if you intend to borrow something. She will bring only what is requested, other materials will not be available. The list of resources is on the WALC web site at <http://walc.net>

Scholarships Committee: Winnie had a draft of a form for financial support for those attending exam preparation courses. This will be available on the website. We are anxious to help our younger members attain their credentials. WALC membership and meeting attendance are some of the prerequisites.

Milk Banking: Mothers' Milk Association of Wisconsin (MMAW) is up and running. The first milk shipment from the Mt Horeb depot has arrived at the Ohio Milk Bank for processing. Wisconsin milk will be returned when there is a request for it. The request must be handled by the Ohio Milk Bank and cannot be done in Wisconsin. MMAW is currently involved only in facilitating the donation of milk to the Ohio Milk Bank. Any pasteurized milk will be provided by the Ohio Milk Bank following the Human Milk Banking rules. <http://www.hmbana.com>. Any mothers who want to donate can get more information by calling 608-333-4955 or send a request to Ruth at jsweet@ssc.wisc.edu. If you want to have copies of the donor information, please email Ruth. Donors are not paid. The milk however, is expensive because of processing, insurance, shipping, etc. These milk banks are non profit organizations. A for profit company that is dealing in human milk does also exist, they also do not pay milk donors.

New Business:

Lisa Brock reported on the Human Milk Bank Conference that she attended in Washington DC. This material was extremely interesting, we requested that she report again at our Clinic day in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.