

WALC Meeting
Tuesday, November 13th, 2012
Milwaukee, WI

- I. 09:30 Registration and Social
- II. 10:00 Breastfeeding After Weight Loss Surgery
Speaker: Julie Stefanski, Med, RD, LDN, CDE
- III. 12:00 Lunch
- IV. Business Meeting
 - a. Call to order at 12:38pm.
 - b. Approval of meeting minutes for September 21st 2012, motion made by Lisa Brock to approve meeting minutes, Kathie Russell 2nd motion. No additions or corrections, approved as is.
 - c. Treasurer's Report –Kathie Russell, updates regarding current balances in accounts. \$10,200 in checking account.
 - d. Programs –Jenni Johnson, Program Coordinating position is open and will be posted. If interested, please contact Brook Murphy. May consider having a shared position for team approach for Program Coordinator position. Future meetings: Friday, January 18th planning to be in Green Bay. May 21st in Madison. Friday, September 20th in Waupaca. Tuesday, November 19th no location determined.
 - e. Membership –Sandy Testin, updates provided regarding updating WALC website, Feedburner email subscriptions, 139 current members. Member concern regarding having to change password when logging into website. Sandy Testin will update webmaster.
 - f. USLCA Update –Lisa Brock, update regarding the Affordable Health Care Act and how different insurance policies are covering or not covering lactation supplies (pumps). May 3rd -5th 2013 in St. Louis. Lobbyist action for breastfeeding, new leader is moving forward with initiatives.
 - g. WI BF Coalition –Jill Bohn, update provided.
 - h. WALC conference information –save the date form available, online payment and registration option available with \$10 processing fee. Paper registration with check also available. The link will be available on the WALC homepage, along with an online link to register for the hotel stay which credits WALC with free rooms for the speakers. Discounted price for WALC members is available. Norma Escavar, Kathy Watson Genna, Linda Smith. Please reserve room promptly, as the hotel is hosting another conference and will book up quickly.
 - i. Old business
 1. WALC grants –letters sent to grant recipients, website will be updated. Grants awarded to: Global Connections Partnership Network, African American Breastfeeding Network of Milwaukee, St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, CareNet Pregnancy Care Center of Dane County, Mother's Milk Bank of Western Great Lakes, and an international opportunity in Uganda for a WALC member.

Megan Ryan – shared information and experience in Sierra Leone, maternal child health issues and breastfeeding outreach, illiterate society. Plan to do posters in waiting rooms, flip charts to display info why BF is so important. Pregnancy “elevates” a woman’s status in society, so young births are more common. Maternal & Child mortality is high. Traditional birth attendants for deliveries. Tribalism is commonplace. Colostrum is discarded due to being yellow. Newborns are fed water and rice mash. Goal to utilize fetal Doppler to listen to heartbeat to effect change for mothers’ prenatal care and increase their “buy in”. Having sex while being a breastfeeding mother is taboo, therefore women quit breastfeeding early on. Current breastfeeding rate 11%, goal is to reach 25%. Cannot afford formula. Poor sanitation, lacks safe water. Would like authentic photos of African women breastfeeding their babies, to share with educational efforts.

2. Program Coordinators –will be posted on the WALC website.
3. President Elect and Secretary positions –both up for re-election, please contact Brook if interested.
4. USLCA conference May 3rd -5th 2013 –ability to apply for grant to attend conference, form will be posted on website for those interested in attending. Date requirements for grant application are noted on form.
5. Group member renewal for ILCA –Kathie Russell will post on website, please send information and payment if you’d like to renew your membership. Need to include member number with your payment (\$178, made payable to WALC). Deadline December 1st.
6. IBCLC Care Award –update by Lisa Brock, deadline November 30th, 2012. \$30 charge with your submission.
7. Feedburner email –

V. Motion to adjourn at 1:31 by Jenni Johnson, 2nd motion made by Marsha Barritt.