

## WALC Board Meeting

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Milwaukee, WI

- I. Call to order at 0810 by Brook Murphy. Members present Brook Murphy, Stacy Comer, Becky (?), Kathie Russell, Sandy Testin, Angela Lang, Jill Bohn, and Kim Welvaert.
- II. May meeting minutes reviewed, motion by Sandy to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Kathie, all in favor.
- III. Treasurer's Report by Kathie. Current checking balance of \$6,234.77. \$10,209.69 in money market account with a total profit of interest of \$10. Expenses: \$563.81 meeting expenses/board meeting, \$24.17 web site, \$64.75 conference committee, Grants totaling \$9,600 (SW Breastfeeding Coalition \$2,000, Mother's Milk Bank of the Western Great Lakes \$2,600, BFAN \$5,000). Pending \$300 grant to still be sent out to Meg Ryan for educational materials. Kathie will send out check to Meg. Brooke has notified everyone regarding the grants if they were approved or not.
- IV. Membership- Sandy Testin will report at business meeting. If wanting to receive grant/scholarship then need to be a WALC member.
- V. USLCA- No update from Angela Lang as they didn't meet.
- VI. WALC Conference, March 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Jennifer Statz not able to attend today so update given by Kathie. Close to finalizing speakers. Motion made by Sandy to not offer a group discount but continue with discount as a WALC member. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Kathie, all in favor, motion passed.
- VII. Old Business
  - a. Elections- Jill Bohn will take over President in May and Brook Murphy will stay on as Past President. Kim Welvaert takes over as Secretary today.
  - b. Website- Having issues with it not working. Wondering if this is a host issue. We can change this and look at other options. Becca (?) is checking into this. Stacy will continue with the web site if needed unless someone else wants to take over. She will get information to the board so all will have access for changes/updates. Becky and husband Rick are still willing to help out with the web site. Will post board's regular emails instead of WALC emails. An apology will be done at the business meeting today and posted on the web site. Board meeting minutes will only be made available to the board and not general membership. Public can't post to blog but members can. When Lactation Consultant position openings are posted there should be an expiration date of 1 month. Automatically will drop off of web site.
  - c. Programs Update. Tracy Schieffer unable to continue in position due to a work change. Possible replacements of Meredith Weir and Heidi Lynch, hosts for the meeting today. At business meeting today, will announce this position opening.
  - d. Membership report by Sandy Testin. 181 members. On 3/1/2014, membership will be due. A reminder email will be sent as well as posted on web site.
  - e. USLCA report by Angela Lang. No report, didn't meet.

VIII. New Business

- a. WBC Liaison. Angela and Kim are on committees for WBC. WBC has been inspirational in guiding coalitions in the state. Headed by Dr. Jen Thomas. Angela is on the Guidance & Leadership Committee with Kim on the Communications Committee. Angela will talk with WBC about having coalition posters at the WALC conference evening celebration. Agreed that both Angela and Kim will be WALC representatives for WBC.
- b. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Angela to talk with Dr. Anne Eglash about Baby Friendly work sites. Present from 1000-1200. Kathie to arrange office space in Madison. For meeting in January, Jennifer Stutz to contact Dr. Rocky Webb (spelled correctly?) for a methadone update. Then the meeting after that bring in Dr. Jen Thomas speak?
- c. Tephania Letiki requesting \$800 to attend the CLC conference in Milwaukee the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Currently a breastfeeding counselor with the Kenosha WIC office and not a member of WALC. Tephania did apply for funds from the Infant Mortality Health Grant but hasn't heard yet. Motion made by Sandy to make an exception to the usual grant process per recommendation of Tephania by Angela. However, if money is obtained from the Infant Mortality Health Grant then money from WALC will not be given. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Brook. All in favor, motion passed. Angela will contact Healthy Children about how to get payment to them. Group then had discussion about future grants such as this. Possibly offering a couple CLC scholarships a year, growing the profession while targeting at risk communities and improving infant mortality. Kathie also has a person in mind for this. Today, this person will be attending her second meeting. Kathie will encourage her to apply and use the traditional pathway. At the November meeting, will discuss about writing a new goal for WALC to identify these individuals about scholarships and get information out to members.

IX. Meeting adjourned .