

WALC Business Meeting

Friday, September 18th, 2015

Wauwatosa, WI

- I. Call to order at 1218 by President Jill Bohn. Welcome to newly elected President Elect Allison Laverty Montag. Allison will be in the President Elect position until May when she will then take over as President. Introduction of current WALC Board Members: Kathie Russell (Treasurer), Kim Welsaert (Secretary), Sandy Testin (Membership Chair), Heidi Lynch (Programs), Jennifer Statz (Conference Chair) and Angela Lang (USLCA Rep). Informed group that Lisa Brock will be taking over as USLCA Rep after a leave of absence. She was unable to attend today's meeting.
- II. Thanks to Jennifer Banuelos, MAS, BS who is the UC Davis Program Director & Research Specialist for presenting on Secrets of Baby Behavior. 5.25 L CERPS awarded for today's attendance.
<http://lactation.ucdavis.edu/>
- III. May meeting minutes were reviewed. No additions or corrections made.
- IV. Treasurer's Report by Kathie Russell.
 - a. Checking account \$29,783.74 and money market \$10,230.05.
 - b. Grant of \$1,350 to be awarded to BFAN for their Breastfeeding Friendly Childcare program.
- V. Programs Report by Jill Bohn with Heidi Lynch.
 - a. Today and yesterday's events were a trial run to see if having mini one day conferences would be successful. Yesterday, WALC and the Brown County Chapter of the Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coalition held this same training in Green Bay with 100 participants. Today, we have 88 participants. WALC will continue to explore this option of bringing speakers to Wisconsin for a one day event along with our annual conference and meetings.
 - b. Tuesday, November 17th meeting will be on Breastfeeding and Contraception presented by Jennifer Meyers, CNM <http://mayoclinichealthsystem.org/local-data/medical-professionals/onalaska/jennifer-meyers-cnm> at Mayo Clinic Health System Franciscan Healthcare in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Check out the following link for directions and parking. <http://mayoclinichealthsystem.org/locations/la-crosse>. 2 CERPS will be awarded.
 - c. January meeting to be held in Green Bay on the 15th with possible topic of relactation.
 - d. May meeting to be held on the 17th, location and topic TBD.
 - e. Please contact a WALC Board member if interested in hosting or have ideas on topics.
- VI. Membership by Sandy Testin.
 - a. 20 new members with today's event for a total of 205 members
- VII. WALC Conference by Jennifer Statz.
 - a. March 3rd and 4th, 2016 at the Oshkosh Conference Center. Please note the change in location from Appleton. <http://oshkoshwaterfronthotel.com/meetings/>.
 - b. Dr. Thomas Hale is not able to attend as first thought. Featured speaker will be Dr. James McKenna <http://cosleeping.nd.edu/mckenna-biography/> along with Dr. Jennifer Thomas <http://www.drjen4kids.com/> and Kasja Brimdyr, PhD, CLC <http://www.healthychildren.cc/faculty.htm>.
 - c. 2 new members to the conference committee.
- VIII. USLCA Report by Angela Lang.
 - a. Lisa Brock will be returning to this position after a leave of absence but not able to attend today's meeting.

- b. WALC representatives Angela Lang, Jennifer Statz and Kim Welvaert attended the ILCA conference in Washington DC in July. Angela noted that there were 1,000 attendees and at our WALC conference we have close to 400. New York is the only other state with as many attendees at their conferences. Angela and Kim attended a USLCA meeting where they shared all that we're doing here in Wisconsin.
- c. WALC uses money raised with our yearly conferences to fund things such as freezers for the Mother's Milk Bank of the Western Great Lakes <http://milkbankwgl.org/>, Tongue Tie Project, supported Josefine in Uganda and more. Angela then went into detail about how our goal was to help Josefine become an IBCLC. However, in the area that Josefine is working, having the IBCLC credential wouldn't help her. WALC Board decided to reach more within our own state this year by sending 4 minority women (3 African American and 1 Native Indian) to the CLC course.
- d. USLCA and ILCA partnership has changed. Now able to be a member of USCLA, ILCA or both.
- e. The USLCA web site has information on how to explain to the public about differences between CLCs and IBCLCs. <https://uslca.org/resources/publications>. Encouraged focus on how everyone is helpful to our breastfeeding families. WALC has a mentoring program to connect a CLC with an IBCLC.

IX. Old Business

- a. Grants
 - 1. 4 minority women (3 African American and 1 Native Indian) successfully completed the CLC course.
- b. Facebook
 - 1. Angela Lang and Jes Fedina have been doing a great job keeping our page up to date.

X. New Business

- a. Grants
 - 1. \$1,350 grant awarded to BFAN for their Breastfeeding Friendly Childcare program.
- b. Secretary Position
 - 1. Nominations are needed for the Secretary position. If interested, please contact President Jill Bohn.
- c. Thanks to Angela Lang and Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare for hosting today's meeting and mini conference.
- d. Next meeting is November 17th, 2015 at Mayo Clinic Health System Franciscan Healthcare in La Crosse, WI.

Meeting adjourned at 1232.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Welvaert.