

January 15, 2021 WALC Business Meeting

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Meeting called to order at 12:07 by Allison

Attending: Allison Laverty Montag, Sandy Testin, Diane Oakland, Anat Keinan, Angela Hamilton, Ann Gauer, Gail Macklin, Jackie, Janet, Jen, Jennifer Johnson, Kathie Russell, Kris Walleser, Lora Harris, Marty Polzin, Mary Frank, MaryJo Coleman, Natosha Irwin, Cari Ritter, Tara Carstensen, Jodi, De Maa, Stephanie Ryan, and Lisa Brock.
(Some names abbreviated as these were taken from the Zoom list of participants)

Secretary's Report

Minutes not on website. Not able to approve at this time

Treasurers report

Shared the treasurers report

Income came from Hale Book and Membership

Expenditures were for postage, USLCA charter membership, website maintenance.

Grant money was spent for a freezer for a Divine Savior in Eau Claire, WI. Freezer has been ordered.

Membership - Sandy

174 members. People will get a reminder in February if they do not renew when registering for conference.

USLCA - Angela

Check out the website for USLCA

Restructured levels of USLCA membership with varying degrees of cost. Lots of virtual educational offerings and a great Blog. Some highlights include: working in healthcare as a woman of color and another great article about revitalizing your private practice.

Infographics re: shared decision making and breastfeeding during COVID. They also have a great resource about USLCA.

Link to USLCA on the WALC website

Programs – Diane

LLL Conference on November 5 and 6

81 people received CERPS, 101 registered. Will be considering collaborating with LLL for future offerings.

January 15th with Mary Muse

122 registered and 96 people attended.

This program today was recorded and will be available to members for 30 days. Info forthcoming.

CERPS will be available for viewing the recording as well.

May quarterly meeting will be May 18 (tentatively)

Topic: Baby Café in the US. Will be a panel discussion with Baby Café USA and some of their chapters from around the US including the new Baby Café that will be starting in the Milwaukee area.

If there are any ideas for speakers, please reach out as we are always looking for speakers.

For future offerings post COVID, we will be looking at doing a hybrid of live and zoom to allow for optimal participation.

Conference - Allison

Registration is open on the IABLE website. Link is available of the WALC website.

Dr. Anne Eglash is the keynote speaker.

Recording will be available for viewing for 30 days after the conference.

Social media – Ann

Events are being posted to Facebook as well as updating people about COVID and best practice for lactation professionals. We also share latest research and interesting articles including parenting articles. These are shared so we can see what our families are reading. We also are pursuing diversity and looking at different cultural approaches to breastfeeding and parenting.

Old Business

Hale books: Still have a few left. Shipping them to people for the cost of shipping - \$8.00. Checks payable to WALC. If interested, send the request to Sandy Testin at her address which is found on the WALC website.

New Business

Grant Applications: New grant applications due in May

Elections: Elections are coming up. We will be taking nominations for the positions of President Elect and Secretary. This will be for positions starting in 2022. An email will be coming to request nominations, but feel free to contact the board if interested in any of the positions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie Ryan

Secretary WALC Board