

Minutes for WALC meeting of Friday, January 20, 2006
Ruth Sweet, WALC secretary

Host: St Josephs Outpatient Center

Educational Content: Jennifer Pankowski told us about using sign language to communicate with pre-verbal children. This was a very stimulating and informative presentation. Her brief synopsis of the talk can be found at our website: <http://walc.net> Additional contacts: jenniferpank@yahoo.com and <http://www.sign2me.com>

Business Meeting Called to order by Cindy Dibb at 1 pm

The previous 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.

Everyone will be mailed a paper copy of the minutes because a ballot is enclosed. Please mail the completed ballot to Sandy Testin as soon as possible. Her address is on the ballot.

Treasurer's Report: Terri Funk reported a treasury balance that is close to \$10,000. There is about \$600 in the scholarship fund. Conference money is coming in.

Program Committee: Next meeting: Our Conference in Appleton

May 16, 2006 is our Clinic Day, again at Mauston. Topics: Ethics (applicable for e cerps) - 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 if you receive money from WALC to apply to your ILCA expenses 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 continue work on this project.

Conference Committee: Pat Gima

Feb 1 is the deadline for discounted hotel fees.

47 registrations have already been received.

ICEA continuing ed credits will not be available due to their difficult requirements. The conference committee requests that an ICEA member work with them on this issue for future conferences.

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

The Appleton Public Library is sponsoring a Public talk by Harvey Karp on March 1. Please do not contact us for more information. This event belongs to the Appleton Public Library.

Membership Committee: Sandy Testin reported 156 members. Renew your membership in March in order to be included in the membership directory.

Resources: Kris Walleser The WI Breastfeeding Taskforce completed a CD of information for employers. This CD can be borrowed from WALC or obtained from the Taskforce.

Scholarships Committee: The nearly completed form for Scholarship applications was looked over and will soon be posted on the WALC web site at <http://walc.net>

Mothers' Milk Association of Wisconsin (MMAW): The second milk shipment from Wisconsin is on its way to Ohio. Moving frozen milk is more complicated and expensive than expected. Anytime someone can travel from Wisconsin to Ohio notify MMAW. If you can carry some coolers of frozen milk, if you can travel between Mt Horeb and Columbus (or anywhere in the vicinity the someone could meet you) - MMAW NEEDS YOUR HELP!

A lawyer is helping MMAW complete the 501c3 form and this will be completed by the end of 2006.

Anyone can contact organizations that can contribute to MMAW's operating expenses. If you have suggestions but do not want to make the contacts yourself, please inform the MMAW board members.

There is a group of volunteers who are helping raise money and with other organizational chores. They communicate via a yahoo list serve that is moderated by Kate: KBrethauer@cityofmadison.com

MMAW board members are: Kate Brethauer, Pres, Jill Innes, Vice Pres, Cathy Szudy Sec, Ruth Sweet Treas, Anne Eglash, Peggy Toman. We intend to invite another board member eventually and hope to find an interested member of the business community rather than a health care worker.

New Business:

The application form for financial reimbursement for attending the ILCA conference has been updated and clarified. It will be posted on the website. In addition to reporting at the Sept WALC meeting, receipts need to be provided to the WALC treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.