

**January 16, 2009     Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare—St. Francis, Milwaukee**

Educational Content: Baby Friendly Panel Discussion

Business meeting was called to order at 1225.

November meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Kathie Russell reported that we have approximately \$12,000. The Board approved a donation of \$1000 to be given to the Mother's Milk Association of Wisconsin general fund to help support their work.

## **Old Business**

- Committee reports
  - Program: The May meeting will again be a Clinic Day with a variety of topics. The September meeting will be in Waupaca; note that the meeting date has been changed to Friday, September 11.
  - Conference: Pat Gima reported that the conference brochures are out and that three E CERPs will be earned from Elizabeth Brooks' presentations by attendees.
  - Scholarship: Reminder that there are three types of scholarships available to active WALC members and details are available on the website.
    1. ILCA conference grants.
    2. IBLCE exam – anyone taking the exam for the first time can apply for assistance with the cost of the exam.
    3. Financial assistance for educational programs for anyone who is working towards becoming an LC.
- Political Update: State Senator Fred Risser will reintroduce the bill that will allow mothers the right to breastfeed their children in any public place. Updates will be posted on the WALC Yahoo! Group.
- The Mother's Milk Association of Wisconsin will again hold a raffle and also a silent auction at the WALC conference to raise funds for their operations.
- Partner Program Update: Becky was able to share some photos sent from the LC we sponsor in Uganda, Josephine, and told us about some of the work being done there.

## **New Business**

- Upcoming Election – **candidates are needed for President-elect**. If you would like to be more involved in your organization please consider this position. President-elect will spend a year of being mentored and learning the position from the outgoing president, Becky Krumwiede. Contact any of the Board Members for more information. Kathie Russell has agreed to continue as Treasurer unless contested.

- Board Position Open -- Donna Bisbee has resigned from the board position of Program Chair, but by the end of the meeting Jennifer Johnson had agreed to fill the position. Thank you Donna for your many years of service!

The meeting was adjourned at 1245.

### **Members shared the following future Educational Opportunities**

**January 28, 2009** – 0830 to 1030 <http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned/bfgr08.htm>

#### **Breastfeeding Grand Rounds**

*Making Breastfeeding the Norm: Social Marketing*

Viewing Location:

Aurora Sinai Medical Center Campus

MHI – Steigleder Auditorium, 960 North 12<sup>th</sup> St, Milwaukee.

**April 7, 2009** – 0800 to 1630

Medela presents *Human Milk In the NICU: Translating Evidence into Practice*  
Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, Ill.

**November 6 and 7, 2009**

La Leche League of Wisconsin's Conference for Health Care Professionals

Speakers: Dr. Tom Hale and Dr. Jack Newman.

### **Web Sites**

#### **Skin-to-Skin care to enhance early bonding, attachment and breastfeeding:**

S.O.F.T. web site: <http://www.llu.edu/llumc/psn/soft.html>

More materials from Loma Linda University Medical Center can be found at <http://lomalindahealth.org/medical-center/our-services/perinatal-services-network/for-health-professionals/about-us/media-guide.html>

[www.breastfeedingbasics.org](http://www.breastfeedingbasics.org)

*Breastfeeding Basics* is an academic, non-commercial, short course on the fundamentals of breastfeeding. It is geared primarily for the medical practitioner, although anyone is welcome to browse or take the course.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

**Mile Bluff Medical Center, Mauston, WI**