

WALC Wisconsin Association of Lactation Consultants

Minutes for WALC meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ruth Sweet, WALC secretary

Host: Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center

Thanks to Kristen Husband and Kathy Mickelson for hosting

Educational Content: Video from ILCA conference. Presentation by Pat Gima about the Scope of Practice document from the IBCLE. Description and tour of the maternity unit at Sheboygan Memorial. CERPS might be available for some of these hours. Lisa Brock was unable to attend and will present at a later date.

Business Meeting Called to order by Cindy Dibb at 12:30 pm

The previous minutes were accepted as written. Whenever you notice problems with the minutes, please notify the secretary, Ruth Sweet jsweet@ssc.wisc.edu, or one of the other officers.

The web site is now up and running. If you have the site bookmarked on your computer, that bookmark will not work. You will need to type out the address and then bookmark it again. While the visible address is the same, the domain has changed. Our new webmaster is Stacie Comer, THANK YOU!

Treasurer's Report: Kathie Russell reported a treasury balance of \$6350, some costs for the 2007 conference have been paid. There is \$446 in the scholarship fund.

Program Committee: Please check our web site for updated information about programs. <http://walc.net>

Next meeting: Friday, January 19, 2007 at Wheaton Franciscan OP Center (note that this facility has changed the name, but we have met there previously).

Our Conference is March 15 & 16 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Speakers are Tom Hale, Dianna West and Kay Hoover. We will be celebrating WALC's 20th anniversary

Clinic Day is Tuesday May 15 in Mauston.

Friday, September 21, 2007 ILCA reports Green Bay

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 Report from the UW Cleft lip and palate team.
Meriter Hospital, Madison

Membership Committee: Sandy Testin reported 147 members. Heidi Anderson is helping develop a new brochure and a separate information page for members. The preliminary drafts are very attractive.

WALC has a yahoo list serve. Ruth Sweet moderates or you can ask for membership at Yahoo.

Conference Committee: All is moving along properly.

Resources: There are a few new items available. Contact Kris Walleser if you want to borrow materials. She does not bring everything to meetings.

Scholarships Committee: Scholarships are available to off set some of the expenses for prospective Lactation Consultants. Application forms will be on our site shortly.

Officer elections in 2007 Please volunteer yourself or someone you know for one of vacancies. The only open role is for the president. While the other positions are currently filled, it is always possible to write in a new candidate.

The presidential office may seem overwhelming, but all the past presidents agree that it is a manageable and enjoyable job. Attending all meetings is the main obligation and even that can be negotiated. The Board currently meets one hour prior to each WALC meeting but most of the communicating is done by email.

Tax Exempt Status We now have confirmation that we are a Professional Organization, and in Wisconsin, that means that we are not eligible for tax exempt status. Our tax status is called 501-C6, which is what our tax accountant used previously. Cindy has written out the information that she obtained from two well informed lawyers and this information will be retained with our other materials.

New Business:

Cindy Dibb announced her early resignation due to changes in her employment status. Carol Cox will cover this position for the interim and provide guidance for the newly elected president.

Anne Altshuler showed a booklet done by the WI Plan for Nutrition and Health. The number one suggestion for improving nutrition was breastfeeding. Contact Mary Pesik for more information, or go to <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/physicalactivity/index.htm>.

The meeting was adjourned at 1320 PM.