

NEXT MEETING: January 16, 2009 **Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, St Francis, Milwaukee**

November 18, 2008

Meeting Minutes St Mary's Hospital Medical Center Green Bay WI

Educational Content: Postpartum Depression Tina Zahn and Lisa Schubring

Business Meeting called to order at 12:15

September Minutes: Correction - The treasury has about \$12 thousand rather than \$12 hundred. Winnie Mading moved that the minutes be approved as corrected.

Treasury Report: Kathie Russell - The balance remains about \$12 thousand and there is \$646 in our scholarship fund.

Old Business

- Committee reports
 - Program: Donna Bisbee was absent. Future meeting topics have not yet been settled, speaker suggestions are welcome. The May meeting site is still open; next Sept will be in Waupaca.
 - Conference: Pat Gima described topics the three speakers will cover. More details are on the website. There will be 3 hours of Ethics CERP's, an important promotional item as many of us need these credits to keep our IBLCE credentials up to date. There will also be information about helping employed breastfeeding women and sessions on postpartum depression and various treatment options for depression.
 - Membership: Sandy Testin was absent. We have about 153 members.
 - Scholarship: Winnie Mading requests that WALC members promote this benefit to aspiring LC's. Look on the website for complete information and the application forms.
- USLCA update: Winnie Mading asks that you check that you are getting your email updates if you are an ILCA member. There has been a glitch that has sometimes prevented the organization from making contact.

It is time for us to renew our ILCA/USLCA memberships. Membership in this organization is valuable to all of us. A reminder again that the purpose of ILCA/USCLA is to promote our profession.

- Politics: Anne Altshuler keeps track of what is going on around us. Since the majority party in the state has changed, the committee chairs will also change. We should have a better chance in the future to pass the state bill protecting breastfeeding.

There is an email newsletter called "MomsRising" that is a good source of information.

- Mothers' Milk Association of WI (MMAW): A depot site has opened in Waukesha and Green Bay may have a depot within a year. Ruth Sweet requests additional volunteers and financial donations. Contact information for donors is available via email or at WALC meetings. MMAW needs to have WI hospitals begin using donor milk and needs to be informed when it happens. MMAW needs help writing grants and advice about what grants are available for helping start a Milk Bank in WI.
- Partner Program: WALC is providing support to two LC's in distant parts of the world. They would like email contact with us. Ramona Speier volunteered to communicate with both of them. Anyone else who is interested in doing this can contact Becky Krumwiede.

New Business

- There has been some confusion about starting times: The group present today decided that 9:30 am is best for most circumstances. There may need to be changes for speaker needs, so always check the start times rather than assuming it will always be consistent. If you have comments, be sure to contact a board member.
- The WALC web site is outdated and difficult to use, both for our webmaster and our members. There had been hope that USLCA would have some way to help us but this has not happened and we cannot wait any longer. Pat Gima moved that we build a WALC website from the ground up and hire a skilled professional to do this for us.

Names of people who have this skill are being solicited. Please contact Becky Krumwiede if you have someone to suggest.

Meeting Adjourned at 1 pm. Minutes taken by Ruth Sweet for Jenny McAllister.