

Wisconsin Nurses Association Faith Community Nurses

Conference Call May 23, 2016 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Present: Deb Prium, Mary Fran Crist, Katie Dykes, Sue Schmitz (Fond du lac FCN), and Megan Leadholm, WNA.

1. Katie Dykes opened the meeting with a prayer and volunteered to be the recorder for the call.
2. Updates:
Sue Schmitz has a new church starting in their Agnesian Health network program. Churches who have an interest in beginning a FCN program can receive 2 hours of FCN service paid through the program. It is growing slowly. FCN's are being used in care transitions, as well chronic disease management as they start up.

Deb Prium continues to promote FCN at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Their sister hospital in Jasper has a program and Deb is hoping it will grow to include Little Company of Mary as well. Mary Fran just finished a conference for 160 people on Mackinaw Island at the Grand Hotel. She is now turning her attention to an Episcopal Health Ministry conference in Indianapolis for September.

Katie's parish just completed an 8-week walking program to Marian shrines in Wisconsin. The parish Wellness Committee is now working on an autumn workshop for older adults.

Megan announced that WNA has signed a lease on a new office which is about 1 ½ miles from where they are now. Move is planned for August, 2016.

3. Mary Fran has been getting donations for fundraising at the October conference. She has a new idea to offer a "Blessing Boutique" where participants can just purchase items outright rather than bidding on them. (She mentioned some nice heirloom jewelry pins made by Deb Schneider, who is from Ohio, as one of the Boutique items that will be for sale). Mary Fran will also have about 4-5 baskets of items that will be offered as raffle items. Proceeds are used for scholarships.

Mary Fran also said that the Westberg will be doing a National Conference only every other year with the hope that there will be regional conferences offered on the alternate years. Mary Fran offered to call the Westberg Institute with some questions about how to go about working with the Institute if a Wisconsin regional conference would be offered in 2017. Megan offered to help with the inquiry.

4. The International Parish Nurse Resource Center name has been changed to the Westberg Institute. Megan offered to send out an announcement about it so FCN's would be updated. Katie offered to write up a paragraph for a "Connections" announcement. Deb Ziebarth will be writing up a more formal article for "The Wisconsin Nurse" September edition.

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5. Deb Prium has been working with Theresa Prattke on the CEU's for the Foundations Course Curriculum that will be offered in August, 2016 in Madison. A flyer will be prepared as soon as the timeline and CEU's are finalized.
6. "The Wisconsin Nurse" June edition will have some "Save the Date" announcements for our late summer and October educational offerings and also one of the position papers from Westberg Institute related to FCN practice.
Next group of articles will be due in August for the September issue.
7. The WNA website now has a FCN page for our use. Megan suggested that some of the items that have been included in the past may now be outdated (application, brochure, Mission and Vision Statement, etc.) It was suggested that the updating of our web page be on the agenda for our next meeting in June, including new ideas and additions, such as what we would like to link with (for example, the Westberg Institute). If anyone has copies of our "old" forms, brochures, applications, etc., please email or send them to Megan so they are available for the June meeting. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Next meeting on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the WNA office starting at 10:00 AM. Please RSVP to Megan Leadholm (megan@wisconsinnurses.org) at WNA if you plan to attend.