

## **PALM MEETING MINUTES**

Date: December 10, 2015

Time: Called to order by Christine Wieberdink, President, at 1:42 P.M.

### **ITEM 1: INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **MEMBERS:**

1. Christine Wieberdink (President), 2. Lori Gibson (Secretary), 3. Amy Leland, 4. Susan Smart, 5. Sandy Glenn, 6. Pam Wilson, 7. Jackie Kushner, 8. Alex Wagner (Treasurer)

#### **NON MEMBERS:**

1. Lisa Johnson, 2. Damaris Pittman, 3. Lisa Byrd, 4. Rebecca LeBeouf, (apprentice), 5. Gayling Fox (apprentice)

### **ITEM 2: Review and Adopt Minutes from last meeting**

1. Minutes from November were approved as submitted with no corrections.

### **ITEM 3. Recap of DHEC Board Meeting**

*Amy Leland* presented suggested changes to the draft of 61-24 that was passed at the DHEC Board meeting this morning. *Amy Leland* asked that every midwife in the state take a look at them and make suggestions. *Lori Gibson* will be creating a Google Doc and sharing with all SC LMs with ability to comment. *Amy Leland* asked that all comments be sent to her by December 17 with evidence and research to back up any suggestions. They will be presented to the MAC at their meeting on January 6, 2016.

### **ITEM 4. Old Business**

1. Website: *Lori Gibson* has asked that everyone send photos, consumer info and anything that will be available for PALM members only to view so that Stephanie can complete the project. All members who have completed the questionnaire will have contact info in the "Find a Midwife" section. **Please** send that info to Lori Gibson ASAP to be included on the page. As soon as the information has been received by Stephanie Flowers, the site can be functional and live.
2. Dues Change update: *Christine Wieberdink* announced the decision for reduction of dues passed. Effective January 1, 2016 PALM membership dues: reduction in the amount from \$150 to \$75 for Licensed Midwives and the amount for students/apprentices to be reduced from \$75 to \$40. An email vote took place, 11 Yay, 1 Nay, 6
3. Special Elections/ Nominations: *Adrienne Leeds* was nominated for Vice President of PALM. *Lori Gibson* made a motion that we vote for *Adrienne Leeds* as the Vice President of PALM, *Susan Smart* seconded, unanimously passed that *Adrienne Leeds* be the new vice president. She was contacted and accepted the position.

4. Meeting Format: *Christine Wieberdink* suggested quarterly in person meetings and monthly online meetings. She will look into a more user friendly program for online/ phone meetings for those who cannot make in person meetings. Google + was a suggestion.
5. SCNACPM Update: *Sandy Glenn* updated all on reintroduction of the Birth Center Mini-Bill to the legislation. Suggested that we find more co-sponsors for the bill. *Sandy Glenn* wanted to, again, draw everyone's attention to the recent lawsuits that have been filed in Arizona and Oregon (the Midwives vs the state Departments of Health) and pointed out similarities in the way those midwives were treated to how DHEC has been treating SC LMs.

#### **ITEM 5. New Business**

1. *Christine Wieberdink* discussed the recommendation that PALM pay for the meals of all non-LM MAC members who join us for lunch on the MAC meeting days. *Susan Smart* moved that we pay for the meals of non-LM MAC members. *Lori Gibson* seconded. Passed Unanimously.

#### **ITEM 6. Treasurer's Report**

*Alex Wagner* reported that there has been no activity with the bank account since the last PALM meeting.

#### **ITEM 6. Peer Review**

6 cases were discussed. Susan Smart, Damaris Pittman, Pam Wilson, Lisa Johnson, Lori Gibson, Christine Wieberdink, Alex Wagner were in attendance for peer review.

#### **ITEM 7. Date of Next Meeting/ Meeting Location:**

January 6, 2016 at 1:30 PM at 1226 Pickens St, Columbia. MAC meeting will be held prior to PALM meeting at 10:00, 301 Gervais Street, Columbia.

**ITEM 8: Closing of Meeting:** *Christine Wieberdink* adjourned the meeting at 3:49 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Lori Gibson, December 13, 2015.*