

PALM MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 20, 2015

Time: Called to order by Rhonda McLain, President, at 1:50 P.M.

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS:

1. Joelle Ceremy, 2. Alex Wagner, 3. Rhonda McLain, 4. Adrienne Leeds, 5. Lori Gibson, 6. Susan Smart, 7. Joanne Gottschall, 8. Christine Wieberdink, 9. Grace Hannon, 10. Jami Morris

NON MEMBERS:

1. Wendy Freeze (student midwife, works with Tavish Brinton), 2. Pam Wilson, LM, 3. Vanessa Ramey (student midwife, works with Nicole Lavallee) 4. Nicole Lavallee, LM, 5. Jennifer O'Briant (student midwife), 6. Lisa Aman, LM (online)

ITEM 2. Review and Adopt Minutes from last meeting

Joelle Ceremy began with the discussion regarding motions that were voted on at the meeting on April 8, 2015. In discussions with the PALM attorneys, it was realized that as a 501C3 organization, PALM cannot make an official statement regarding proposed bill H3851. Rhonda McLain reminded the group that as a 501C3, our purpose is to educate others and that we cannot partake in legislation or lobbying as a group. Therefore, PALM would need to vote to rescind the prior motions from April 8, 2015.

1. Christine Wieberdink proposed a motion to rescind the motion to conduct an email vote to all current members for PALM's position statement regarding proposed bill H3851 from PALM's April 8, 2015 minutes. Joelle Ceremy seconded the motion. 9 members voted: 8 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Susan Smart moved to amend the list of names to include Amy Leland, Sandy Glenn, Susan Smart, Jackie Kuschner, and Nicole Lavallee as those who suggested changes to the proposed bill H3851 in the minutes from PALM's April 8, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Alex Wagner. 9 members voted: 8 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIED
3. Joelle Ceremy made a motion to rescind the motion to add the suggested changes to proposed bill H 3851 to the email vote from PALM's April 8, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Lori Gibson. 9 members voting: 7 YEA, 0 NAY, 2 ABSTAIN. MOTIONED CARRIED

Rhonda McLain stated that minutes shall be approved and adopted into the official record as corrected.

ITEM 3. Financials/ Budget

1. Treasurer, Alex Wagner stated that all members have paid dues and PALM has had no expenses from the previous month.

ITEM 4. Old Business

1. Website: Joelle Ceremy shared 2 website designs as options for the PALM website. The web address options presented were: sclma.com or palmettomidwives.org, each had a different design. The costs involved would be around \$149.00 per year for the latter. Alex Wagner made a motion to adopt palmettomidwives.org as PALM's website address and design. Christine Wieberdink seconded. 9 voting member: 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN
2. Joelle Ceremy will send all members a questionnaire to complete for the website via email. Please return to her via email (joelle@sevensistersmidwifery.com) or in person.
3. Jennifer O'Briant has offered to photograph each current member to add to the PALM website. Joelle Ceremy made a motion that PALM hire Jennifer Lucas O'Briant for the job of taking headshots for the PALM website. That Jennifer Lucas O'Briant is to be compensated with a one year membership to PALM and \$50 for childcare expenses. Susan Smart seconded. 9 members voting: 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN
4. Lori Gibson made a motion to begin the next PALM meeting at 2:00 P.M. on June 10 so that Jennifer O'Briant will be able to photograph current members from 1:00-2:00. Alex Wagner seconded. 9 members voting: 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN.
5. Jennifer O'Briant will announce a make up session for those who cannot attend on June 10 at 1:00.

ITEM 6. New Business

1. Update on Emergency Measures letter to DHEC from the attorney: Rhonda McLain stated that the attorney was approached by an individual, that PALM did not hire or ask the attorney to draft this letter. The letter was dated and sent to DHEC on May 14, 2015.
2. Notice of PALM's by-law review: Rhonda McLain and Joelle Ceremy have been in consultation with the lawyers regarding proper revisions of PALM's by-laws. Since we have applied for 501C3 status, there is the possibility of an audit by the IRS at some point. Rhonda McLain will send out a notice prior to the meeting when we will vote on the by-laws. PALM will need to have three-quarters of a quorum to pass the by-laws.
3. Vital Records letter Re: Birth Certificates: Tavish Brinton sent a "Tips for Midwives" sheet with information regarding proper birth certificate procedures.
4. MAC Meeting Recap: There was not a quorum present at today's MAC meeting, therefore there was no official meeting. Nicole Wardlaw, CNM will be leaving MAC possibly before the November meeting. Michell Hatcher stated that Vickie Simpson in Vital Records has seen a lot of errors on birth certificates submitted by midwives. Please double check the Mother's Worksheet and the Facility Worksheet before sending it in. Michell Hatcher also added that all birth certificates must be sent to Vital Record within 5 days of the birth or the midwife will be cited.
5. Grace Hannon discussed the lack of involvement with peer review and was hoping for some input on when to schedule. It was decided to hold peer review once per quarter on the morning of the PALM meeting. There will be peer review on June 10 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at 1226 Pickens Street, Columbia (Alex Wagner's office) for those interested.

ITEM 6. Date of next meeting/ Meeting location: June 10, 2015 at 2:00 PM at 1226 Pickens St, Columbia.

ITEM 7: Closing of Meeting: Joelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 PM. Christine Wieberdink seconded. 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Gibson, May 21, 2015.