

PALM MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 10, 2015

Time: Called to order by Rhonda McLain, President, at 2:25 P.M.

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS:

1. Joelle Ceremy, 2. Alex Wagner, 3. Rhonda McLain, 4. Adrienne Leeds (online), 5. Lori Gibson, 6. Joanne Gottschall, 7. Jackie Kuschner, 8. Christine Wieberdink, 9. Grace Hannon, 10. Jami Morris, 11. Damaris Pittman, 12. Sandy Glenn (online)

NON MEMBERS:

1. Christine Strothers, LM CPM (online), 2. Lisa Aman, LM (online), 3. Rebecca LeBeouf (student midwife, works with Alex Wagner) 4. Jennifer O'Briant (student midwife),

ITEM 2. Review and Adopt Minutes from last meeting

Alex Wagner wanted to clarify the Treasurer's Report from last month. Should state "...all members have paid dues and PALM has had no expenses from the previous month". She will make the changes on the minutes. No other amendments or corrections noted or discussed.

Rhonda McLain approved and adopted the minutes with the above correction.

ITEM 3. Financials/ Budget

1. Treasurer, *Alex Wagner* stated that since last month, 1 new member has paid dues in the amount of \$175.00 and that 1 payment of \$892.00 was made to the attorneys for work they have previously done for PALM. The total amount now in the account is \$3,622.62.
2. *Alex Wagner* stated that no payments that are made via PayPal are deposited into the account. *Rhonda McLain* will ask Jay to verify that auto- deposit is selected on the PayPal account.

ITEM 4. Old Business

1. Website: *Joelle Ceremy* has received some of the questionnaires regarding midwives' info for the website. She apologized that she did not email the questionnaire to members and will do so ASAP. PALM has not paid for the website yet, but that will be taken care of before the next meeting. This was voted on and approved at May's meeting.
2. SC NACPM: *Jackie Kuschner* reported that an official SC chapter of NACPM has been formed. Must be a member of the national organization in order to be a voting member of the state chapter. The national fees are as follows: \$125.00 for one year, \$335.00 for a 3 year membership. The state officers are awaiting the definitions of the committees and by-laws from NACPM. Once the bank account has been opened for SC NACPM, \$500.00 will be given as a start up fund for the chapter from NACPM. Dues for this organization are as follows: \$35.00 for a CPM who is not a PALM member, \$15.00 for a CPM who a PALM member, \$15.00 for student midwives/ consumers. The first meeting will be held via conference call on Monday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. *Sandy Glenn* said that she will post the phone number on the SC Midwives' Facebook page.

3. By-Law changes: *Joelle Ceremy* stated that we need to decide on which version of Robert's Rules PALM would like to adopt as our official by-laws. There was discussion about whether or not members needed to be physically present in order to be able to vote. It was determined that in order to have a quorum, a simple majority of the membership must be present. In order to vote on major decisions (such as by-law changes/ revisions) there needs to be $\frac{3}{4}$ of the quorum participating. More research will be done regarding by-laws and rules. *Rhonda McLain* put forth a motion to form a committee to investigate and propose 3 versions of Robert's Rules to present at July's meeting for PALM members to vote. *Joelle Ceremy* seconded the motion. 11 voted: 11 YEA, 0 NAY, 0 abstained

Jami Morris and *Joelle Ceremy* volunteered for the committee and will present at the next meeting if *Joelle Ceremy* and *Jami Morris* are unable to attend, *Rhonda McLain* will present the options.

Damaris Pittman asked if the by-laws had to be based on Robert's Rules. *Rhonda McLain* made an addendum to the motion that the committee look at other small organization rules and by-laws as well.

4. Update on Emergency Measures letter to DHEC from the attorney: *Rhonda McLain* stated that the attorneys have received no response to the letter that was dated and sent to DHEC on May 14, 2015. A response was requested by the date of June 20, 2015.

ITEM 5: New Business

1. Fort Mill situation: *Rhonda McLain* had gotten a request to add discussion of the situation going on in Fort Mill. She has contacted the attorneys to ask how PALM should react/ respond. Their response was to remember that PALM is an organization focused on education. PALM cannot address the specific situation in Fort Mill, however PALM can educate the public about midwifery. Individual midwives can make statements, but PALM should not. Individuals may write letters to editors, write on blogs, etc. The goal is to build bridges between midwives and the medical community- they are different, but sometimes overlap and need to work together.
2. Proposed changes for Regulation 61-102 Regulating Birth Centers: *Rhonda McLain* suggested everyone read the proposed regulation changes, research and be prepared to formulate comments from PALM at the next meeting to be submitted to DHEC during the public comment period. That period begins June 26, 2015 and will last for 30 days.
3. Public Education: Discussion was had about ways to educate and inform the public about midwifery. *Christine Wieberdink* recommended holding a baby fair (silent auction, vendors, various health care providers, etc) as a fundraiser and awareness raiser. *Jackie Kuschner* recommended a radio interview. *Grace Hannon* suggested holding a movie night, she also suggested that there be events in various parts of the state rather than one big one. She feels that there would be more attendance if held in various regions. *Damaris Pittman* said that PALM should inform and educate via social media. *Jami Morris* recommended forming a PALM education committee. *Lori Gibson* suggested that the PALM website have an education tab prior to distributing information so that

interested parties will have information once they go to our website. *Jackie Kuschner* volunteered to contact Natural Awakenings regarding placing an ad, and she will speak with her daughter about finding a SC radio station to speak to. *Christine Wieberdink* will research the cost of billboards. *Alex Wagner* recommended that we hand out flyers and hang posters all over the state. *Rebecca LeBeouf* offered the services of her fiancé to design a poster. *Rhonda McLain* will send *Rebecca LeBeouf* various slogans and ideas for the poster.

4. Professional Development: *Rhonda McLain* discussed the desire for state wide professional development for all LMs. She asked for ideas on topics, guest speakers and possible CEU opportunities. Please let *Rhonda McLain* know if anyone has suggestions, ideas or contacts.

The online attendees were cut off during this discussion at 4:00 p.m. Alex Wagner left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

ITEM 6. Date of next meeting/ meeting location: July 8, 2015 at 1:30 PM at 1226 Pickens St, Columbia.

ITEM 7: Closing of Meeting: *Rhonda McLain* made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 PM. *Lori Gibson* seconded. 9 YEA, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Gibson, June 11, 2015.