

Palmetto Association of Licensed Midwives
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2016
Called to order at 10:38 a.m.
Office of Jami Morris: 7296 Us Highway 76, Prosperity, SC

I. Introductions

LM Members: Christine Wieberdink- President (online), Adrienne Leeds- Vice President (phone), Alex Wagner- treasurer, Lori Gibson- Secretary, Susan Smart, Jami Morris, Sandy Glenn, Nicole Lavalee (phone)

LMA Members: Danielle Shealy

Non-Members: Tavish Brinton, Juliann Lee

II. Review and Adopt Minutes from Last Meeting

Approved and Adopted as read

III. Financials/ Budget

Alex Wagner reported that one payment of \$120.00 was made to Stephanie Flowers for the upkeep of palmettomidwives.org for the term of 6 months. \$40 was paid into the account for the membership of Danielle Shealy, LMA. Current amount in the account is \$4,856.32

VI. Old Business

- Website: *Lori Gibson* asked that each member LM send an article or information for the website that would be seen by potential clients. *Christine Wieberdink* suggested that each midwife write a blog entry for the site (one per month) on whatever topic she chooses. *Christine Wieberdink* also volunteered to start Instagram, Twitter and Facebook accounts to be linked to palmettomidwives.org. *Lori Gibson* made the motion that Christine Wieberdink start Instagram, Twitter and Facebook accounts to be linked to the palmettimidwives.org website, and that each member be assigned a month in which to contribute to the website blog as resources for potential clients. *Sandy Glenn* seconded it. Passed unanimously.

The schedule will be as follows: July: Christine Wieberdink, August: Susan Smart, September: Lori Gibson, October: Sandy Glenn, November: Alex Wagner, December: Adrienne Leeds, January: Jami Morris. Other midwives will be contacted to continue.

Entry is to be sent to lorihgibson@gmail.com by the 3rd Monday of each month. It will then be published onto palmettomidwives.org by the last week of the month.

- Sponsor Legislative Breakfast 2017 Update: *Lisa, Byrd, Jennifer Lucas- O'Briant and Hannah Wiley*- the planning committee- Tabled as no one from the committee was present.

Adrienne Leeds and Alex Wagner- Packet committee- *Alex Wagner* reported that they had not met to compile info for the legislative packets. *Lori Gibson* shared that *Susan Smartt-Cook* from NACPM had offered to share information that they have specifically for legislators.

- Sponsoring Summer Island Retreat: *Lori Gibson* reported that there have been 2 confirmed students register with the help of PALM's donation, 2 are interested, and there is one more scholarship of \$100 available for a midwifery student to participate in the retreat.
- Medicaid update: *Sandy Glenn* reported that she has spoken with *Dietra Singleton*, the Deputy Director of Health Programs for SC state plan. According to *Sandy Glenn*, Ms. Singleton denied a requested policy change for Medicaid recipients to be allowed to use Fee for Service Medicaid in order for LMs to be paid by Medicaid. Ms. Singleton's reason was that there are not enough Licensed Midwives in the state for her to make that change. *Sandy Glenn* explained to PALM members present that if a Medicaid MCO denies any claims from a LM, SC Fee for Service Medicaid has to pay on those denied claims. Furthermore, *Sandy Glenn* stated that according to the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid MCOs must cover everything that the State plan covers. *Tavish Brinton* stated that she has had a difficult time getting paid by Molina. *Lori Gibson* stated that Molina had paid on a few claims then began denying and Absolute Total Care had not ever paid on any claims that were submitted.

V. New Business

- *Susan Smart* suggested that PALM hold a Birth Photo contest to raise funds for PALM. *Sandy Glenn* suggested that there be a fee of \$1.00 per vote. Further discussion will be held once the PALM Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts have been set up.
- Board of Midwifery/ Statute: *Sandy Glenn* proposed that the Licensed Midwives approach LLR and request that LMs have an independent Board of Midwifery (BOM). A draft of proposed BoM statutes was presented and had been worked on by *Sandy Glenn, Christine Wieberdink, Susan Smart, Lori Gibson and Jennifer Lucas O'Briant*. *Tavish Brinton and Jami Morris* shared their experience when they approached LLR several years ago. It was suggested by *Tavish Brinton* suggested doing some serious ground work at LLR prior to submitting the proposal. It was determined that SCNACPM's Legislative committee should follow through with that. *Lori Gibson* volunteered to approach the Hearing Aid

Dealers along with *Sandy Glenn* and at least one other LM to research how they were able to attain their on board under LLR and leave DHEC (they had been denied at the time that Jami Morris and Tavish Brinton visited LLR).

VI. Next Meeting date and location: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 10:00 at the home of Alex Wagner: 1728 Fairhaven Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

Everyone should bring a dish to share. Peer review immediately following.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Gibson, CPM, LM July 14, 2016