

**The South Carolina Faith Community Nurses Association**

**Midlands Meeting**

**First Nazarene Church**

**July 10, 2018**

**Minutes**

**Vision Statement: “Healthy communities through faith and health partnerships”**

**Members Present**

Anita Boland, Lexington Presbyterian; Melody Heffline, Lake Murray Baptist; Jettiva Belton, Zion Canaan Baptist; Pat Cannon, Northeast Presbyterian; Jocycetine Ellis Barnes, New Ebenezer Baptist; Doris Drayton, First Nazareth Baptist; Dawn Henderson, Faith Fellowship; Marisette Hasan, The Carolinas Center; Mary Jones Boykin, Zion Canaan Baptist; Ernie Lombard, Seneca Presbyterian; Helen Collins, First Nazarene; BJ roof, Mt. Tabor Lutheran and Barbara Diller, First Presbyterian.

The meeting was called to order @ 11am by President, Anita Boland who welcomed our guests and members. The devotional was led by Marisette Hasan which focused on how we maintain joy in our everyday lives.

**Education Program Highlights**

**I. The Faith Community’s Nurses Role In Supporting and Ministering to the Pastor,**  
Presented by Rev. Brett DeYoung, Assistant Pastor, Zion Canaan Baptist Church

- The nurse through her role helps to promote joy and provides positive reinforcement with the members related to spiritual as well as health related matters (i.e. practical applications of messages taught by the Pastor)
- Never forget to encourage and pray for and with the Pastor as appropriate.
- Provide opportunities to engage the congregation in caregiver support for those who are caregivers for a sick loved one
- Assist with follow up for those who are bereaved and provide a list of grief support resources available in the community.
- Recommendation: Good Grief, can be found on Amazon

- Remember special events to send bereavement cards to the bereaved such as birthday, anniversary, holiday cards, and anniversary card commemorating the date of the loved one's passing.

II. SC Respite Coalition –Janet Altman, Executive Director

Ms. Altman gave an overview of the Respite Coalition's Mission to provide and encourage communities to be a circle of support for caregivers. She shared her own personal story of how she has now become a caregiver for her mother-in-law and how she realizes more than ever the support needed by caregivers. The SC Respite Coalition receives \$100,000 in funding to provide respite vouchers. These are offered on a first come, first serve basis. Once the funds are exhausted, they have to wait until the new funding cycle begins to issue more vouchers. She stressed the need for creative caregiving support, especially for churches to identify ways they can help support their members who are caring for a chronically ill loved (i.e., sitter service, meal preparation, light housekeeping, yard work, assist with grocery shopping, etc.)

**Lunch & Networking**

III. **Approval of the Minutes-**

-Correction was made to the minutes-

-Motion to accept the minutes with the stated correction was made by Dawn and seconded by Pat.

IV. **Treasurer's Report**

- Presented by BJ Roof, Treasurer and received by the members. See attached report.

V. **Annual Conference Update**

-Annual conference update was given by Anita. The conference will take place on August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ the SCHA. Registration is coming along slowly. Assignments were reviewed and updated. All those helping with registration are asked to report no later than 8am.

This year's conference slides will be available on the website. We are moving forward with trying to go paperless.

VI. **Foundations Course**

The fall Foundations course has been cancelled as AnMed is hosting similar course.

Our original foundation course instructors Dawn and Jenny are stepping down as instructors for the future courses. They have been the organizers and instructors for

this course for more than 7+ years and feel it is time for someone else to take the lead.

The value of continuing the course is undisputed, however the group discussed various ways that the course could still be offered (i.e. partnerships with Georgia, redesign the course with a shorter number of hours, break it up in segments versus a full weekend, online courses, etc.) We must find ways to stay relevant, but also meet the changing needs of those who would like to take the course. The membership is asked to pray about the path forward. The Education Committee will meet to discuss alternatives and a possible spring date as we regroup. Dawn and Jenny are willing to provide support to those who will eventually take over in planning the Foundations Course.

**VII. Website Update**

-There is now a members only tab. This area of the website can be accessed by the members when they set up their username and password.

**VIII. Election of Officers**

-Anita shared with the membership that election of new officers will take place at the next meeting. The following officers will need to be nominated: President Elect, Treasurer and Secretary.

**IX. New Business and Announcements given related to the following:**

-Carolinas Health Ministries Partnership Conference October 14 – 16. Click the link to register: [www.carolinashmp.org](http://www.carolinashmp.org)

-Nominations are open for Palmetto Gold Nominees

-Members reminder to complete Lynne Hutchison's Survey Questions

Meeting adjourned @ 1:45 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marisette Hasan