**SCFCNA Midlands Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11:00am-2:00pm**

***Minutes***

**Members present:** Teresa Jenkins, Joy Barnes, Donna Kleister, Barbara Diller, Jettiva Belton, Pat Cannon, Susan Outen, Carolyn Jones, Ernie Lombard, Ros Squirewell, Anita Boland, Helen Collins, Sharon Sellman, Trudy Goerk, Amy Goodson, Helen Rigby

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00a.m. by Amy Goodson.

**Blessing for the Lunch:**  Anita Boland gave the blessing for lunch, which was provided by Medical Services of America. A short presentation of the services they provide was given by Janice Harris and Edna. A comparison between hospice and home health services was given emphasizing the differences between the two. This included the 4 different levels: routine, respite, general inpatient, and continuous care. For Home Health,, the goal is to improve the patient’s function. With Hospice, the goal is palliative care and to manage symptoms. Those present were given a bag with 2 brochures outlining their services.

**Presentation:** A second presentation was givenby Ben Welch of Angel Transitions, a business he started to help families, seniors, and caregivers deal with their “stuff”. He described his business as anything and everything dealing with physical property – “Taking care of yesterday’s memories to make room for living today”. This is a faith-based business based on Romans 12:2 – “Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” He then elaborated on several handouts given to those in attendance: “Some Thought Provoking Terms”, “Just the Facts”, “2018-2019 Self Storage Industry Fact Sheet”, as well as a pamphlet, “Property Services for Surviving Families and Spouses”.

**Devotion:** The devotion was given by Carolyn Jones, “How Do We Love” from a Billy Graham website and based on John 15:17.

**Old Business:** Amy referred to BJ’s treasurer’s report for financial updates. Anita then shared a final update on the August conference, and reported that we were in the black for this conference. Referring to a handout sheet with attendees’comments, she said that some of the desired future topics included more on dementia/alzheimer’s/aging gracefully, Advanced Directives, and motivational interviewing.

**New Business:** Amy Goodson passed around sign-up sheets for devotions and for meeting topic ideas.

Donna Kleister shared that Renatta Locquist was featured in an article in the SC Nurse on page 9, regarding her work with the Foundation. A Friends of the Foundation group is being formed, and Renatta will be the first person to be honored. Donations are being sought for this. It was agreed that our Association would like to donate to this cause.

Officer Nominations for 2020:

Donna Kleister will be President and Susan Outen has agreed to be Treasurer alongside BJ to learn the duties and then on her own in 2021. President-elect and Secretary positions are still open. Like last year, a survey monkey will be sent out for elections.

Anita announced changes to the Education committee. Members of the committee will either work with Anita on a subcommittee for the Annual Conference or else work with Amy and Lynn on the Foundations Course subcommittee.

Amy clarified that the Foundations Course will now be through the Westburg Institute curriculum and that she and Donna will be the 2 trainers. They will be trained by Westberg via webinar and online training.

Carolina Health Ministries Partnership Conference is Nov 3-5, 2019. [www.carolinashmp.org](http://www.carolinashmp.org)

The Upstate Networking Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening October 15 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6-8pm in Greenville

**Networking:**  Pat Cannon suggested for a future featured meeting topic to discuss “how to die and how to prepare for death”.

Trudy Goerk announced free training provided by Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Atlanta and accessed via [www.ourjourneyof](http://www.ourjourneyof)hope.com . Meals are provided and the only cost is transportation and lodging. (13 R words of cancer – a bible study she has developed).

Donna has published something in the newsletter of the Lutheran Parish Nurses International (lpni.org). She also asked us to keep Elizabeth Young and husband in prayer as he has had setbacks with his cancer.

Amy announced as an fyi that our Association is giving a $100 donation to both the Columbia and Greenville church locations as a gesture of gratitude for the use of their facilities.

Helen Collins gave an update on James that she has been sharing about from Winnsboro. He did get disability and his court date (he needs a lump sum settlement) is November 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

**Next Association Meeting in Columbia: January 14, 2020 11a-2p**

**Next Networking Group Meeting in Greenville: January 21, 2020 6-8p**