



Washington Association for Play Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
December 16th, 2018, 7:00-8:20pm

Present Members: Jill Forsberg (President), Annie Merriman (Past-President), Denise Bower (Treasurer), Krissy Perry (Secretary), Kade Hodges (Eastern Washington Committee Chair), Heather Schilling (Western WA Committee Chair), Priya Raghav (Western WA Networking Committee Director), Cary Hamilton (Director of Social Media), Lisa Brawn (Newsletter Committee), Kim Butler (Conference Chair Director), Cary Beaulieu Graduate Student Representative – City University)

Absent Members: Andrea Kunwald (President-Elect), Jennifer Daffon (Membership Director), Nayeli Aranda (Eastern WA Networking Committee Director), Daisy Vergara (Western WA Networking Committee Director),

Minutes taken by Krissy Perry, MEd, LMHC, RPT-S, WAAPT Secretary

I. Gold Branch Updates

- I. Cary had a talk with the Children's Museum on Nov 5th.
- II. Annie reported that Kade did a presentation about the benefits of play on Nov 15th at Lutheran Family Services.
- III. Priya said a networking event on Nov 2nd on Gender Identity in the playroom, with 13 participants. She said another event on Dec 7th on Medication and Children, with only 2 participants.

II. Spring Conference

I. Venue

- i. Deposit check and contract has been mailed in. Jill will confirm with Jennifer Stanley.

II. Speakers

- i. 2 proposals have been submitted, and still need 2 more proposals to come in.
- ii. Please reach out to others for presentation proposals.

III. Booths

- i. Andrea has reached out to Antioch and A Home Within.
- ii. Cary reported that Rosie and her did booths in 2015, and that it was \$100 per day. Handouts in folders for \$25, if handouts were provided.
- iii. Krissy reported Refresh Conference has \$100 fee for a booth at their resource fair.
- iv. \$100 for both days at the Annual Conference, \$25 to provide own flyers in brochures, \$50 if we print flyers.
- v. Krissy proposes that we go with this fee schedule (part iv). Annie seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.
- vi. Cary will report this to Antioch, and Kim will connect with Rosie for AHW.

IV. Registration

- i. Last year fees for members: \$240 for whole conference, \$180 for Saturday only
- ii. Jill suggested doing an early bird fee with rates the same as last year, and then bump up \$10 for the later fees; with early bird rates being for the whole conference.

- iii. Lisa stated that she didn't think the \$10 fee is enough, and that there is usually a larger difference between early bird and later fees. Heather agreed that a bigger difference would get more people to confirm.
- iv. Cary proposed:
 1. 2 day conference early bird at \$250/member, \$335/nonmember
 2. Early bird ends one before registration
 3. Post early bird, rates going up by an additional \$25
- v. Lisa seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.
- vi. Board agreed that registration open on Jan 1st, with early bird occurring for 1 month.

III. Networking

- I. Priya reported original plan was 2 meetings a month, with Seattle and Bellevue/Issaquah regions. Her and Daisy have since changed this to once a month, from 11-1 with location changes.
- II. They are planning a big event for Feb 5th for Play Therapy Week.
 - i. Discussion regarding paying for food.
 - ii. Email Priya with ideas for the event: i.e. speed "networking"
- III. Priya had questions regarding recruiting new members. She will email Krissy info to add to General Listserv. Priya will email Jill and Jennifer so that they can contact person for follow up.

IV. Prepping for Board Elections

- I. Recap for term lengths: everyone is annual. Secretary is 2 year term, Treasurer is a 2 year term, President is a 3 year term.
- II. Annie stated that last year people applied for the Board, and then after elections, were then placed in Positions.
- III. Lisa suggested adding another person for Newsletter, as it's hard to learn the position in 1 year.
- IV. Annie suggested creating a Communications Committee with a Chair, and Heather will look into it.

V. 2019 Fall Conference

- I. Krissy reported in talks with Rise Van Fleet for her Intro to Filial Play Therapy on November 1st, 2019 for the Fall Conference.
- II. After discussion, it was determined to email out for votes.

VI. Next meeting: February 10th at 7:00pm via Skype