



Washington Association for Play Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2018, 7:00-8:00pm

Present Members: Annie Merriman (President), Elizabeth Peixoto (Past President), Krissy Perry (Secretary), Sarah Harwood (Director of Social Media), Rosie Newman (Membership Director), Kade Hodges (Eastern Washington Committee Chair), Priya Raghav (Western WA Networking Committee Director), Daisy Vergara (Newsletter Committee), Nayeli Aranda (Graduate Student Representative – Walla Walla University)

Absent Members: Jill Forsberg (President-Elect), Denise Bower (Treasurer), Stacy Glover (Newsletter Committee), Michael Whitehead (Eastern WA Networking Committee Director), Cary Hamilton (Asst Board Director), Alisha Bachman (Graduate Student Representative – Antioch University)

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

I. Board Updates

I. Elections (Update from Elizabeth)

- i. By Jan 31st, Lizzy will ask for nominations
- ii. Elizabeth stated a couple of positions will be open, and will be in touch with Members to determine if they want to continue
- iii. Elections start March 1st and end March 31st, but will more than likely announce at the Conference
- iv. Annie motioned that Carly join the board as the City University of Seattle grad representative. Nayeli seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.

II. Future Conferences

I. Spring 2018

- i. Proposals have been accepted, and speakers notified
 1. Krissy and Jill will contact Speaker for title on Yoga and Divorce.
- ii. Registration is open and registrations are coming in
 1. 11 are registered currently, interest level seems to be high.
- iii. Supplies for Nick Cornett
 1. Last year, Annie ordered on Amazon and had someone pay her pack. Annie will still order supplies on Amazon, and will ship them to Elizabeth.
- iv. T-Shirt Orders for Board
 1. If new to Board, send Annie an email with size. Suggested to go up a size or two.
- v. Create a program
 1. Priya volunteered to create the program for the annual conference. Annie will send website to Priya this week, and they will work together.
- vi. Raffle prizes
 1. Rosie will reach out to various websites for donations: Self Esteem Shop, Toys of the Trade, etc... Annie said to offer to put brochures in Conference folders.

- vii. Ways to advertise
 1. Sarah already promoted at Center for Human Services and Valley Cities and Compass Health
 2. Priya said the flier to Renton Area Family Youth and Services
- viii. Who will be there to help
 1. Everyone on the call plans to attend.
- II. Fall 2018-Eastern Washington
 - i. Spokane or TC?
 1. Location for TC's
 - a. Lutheran Community Services with a learning center that holds 60 people, will offer for free if we grant 5 free registrations. Space has all technology we need.
 - b. Annie proposes that we have the Fall Conference at Lutheran Community Services. Krissy seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.
 - ii. No date as of yet. Possible follow up emails and voting in the coming weeks.
 - iii. Topic: Cary had talked about doing an intro to play therapy

III. Gold Branch Updates

I. Ways to increase numbers:

- i. **Number of emails sent out (1 per month with 2 topics in it)**
- ii. **Outreach**
- iii. **Pushing membership-We lost 4 members....and now have no points in this category, which dropped us below Gold Status**
- iv. Cary suggested that new members who joined and go to the Conference are entered to win an Amazon gift card.
 1. Annie will purchase a \$25 gift card and send out an email advertising the raffle.
- v. Elizabeth suggested to add a registration for Conference to pay an additional \$95 to become a member

IV. Health of Washington Association for Play Therapy

- I. Western Washington updates – no updates
- II. Eastern Washington updates - no updates
 - i. Kade will reach out to Michael for survey results.
- III. Membership
 - i. Rosie said that the website is hard to keep members on there and updated, and is still in contact with Wild Apricot about that.
- IV. Financial Health – no updates
- V. Grad Students
 - i. Nayeli has graduated.
- VI. Social Media
 - i. Sarah said her goal is to get us to 1000 likes. Possible gift card for the 1000th person. She also said FB is wanting us to pay to advertise. Sarah will reach out to Cary to discuss.
 - ii. Ideas for play therapy week: post about You Know You're a Play Therapist When..., post pictures of play rooms, what do you use the most in your playroom,
- VII. Outreach
 - i. Cary had 1 outreach on Friday the 19th, passed out membership fliers.
 - ii. Nayeli has outreach scheduled at Heritage University on Feb 5th and Walla Walla University on Feb 13th.

- iii. Sarah did outreach on Dec 5th at City University of Seattle at the internship fair.
- iv. Rosie did outreach at the Child Therapy Committee NW Alliance on Jan 12th.

V. Networking Meetings

- I. Priya said that the topic of Gender Diversity in the Playroom is in the works, and will send out details soon.
- II. Priya and Annie will contact Denise to discuss possible incentive for non-APT speakers at Networking Meetings.
- III. Play therapy week Feb 4th. Sarah suggested an event that week.

VI. Newsletter & Communications

- I. Ideas for Spring 2018 newsletter – goes out in March
 - i. Play Therapy Week recap, column for play therapy or playroom tips-Rosie will write

VII. Next meeting: March 11th at 7:00pm via Skype