



Washington Association for Play Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 7:00-8:00pm

Present Members: Annie Merriman (President), Jill Forsberg (President-Elect), Elizabeth Peixoto (Past President), Krissy Perry (Secretary), Rosie Newman (Membership Director), Sarah Harwood (Director of Social Media), Priya Raghav (Western WA Networking Committee Director), Kade Hodges (Eastern Washington Committee Chair), Daisy Vergara (Newsletter Committee), Cary Hamilton (Asst Board Director), Nayeli Aranda (Graduate Student Representative – Walla Walla University), Carly Beaulieu (Graduate Student Representative – City University), Alisha Bachman (Graduate Student Representative – Antioch University)

Absent Members: Denise Bower (Treasurer), Stacy Glover (Newsletter Committee), Michael Whitehead (Eastern WA Networking Committee Director),

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

I. Board Updates

- I. Welcome new Grad School rep Carly Beaulieu, City University
- II. D&O Insurance Renewed, Liability Insurance renewed

II. Spring Conference

- I. Current registration numbers/Ways to Increase Numbers
 - i. Currently 93 registered, with 86 registered for both days
 - ii. Board members please register ASAP
- II. Set Up and Staffing During Conference
 - i. Denise and Annie will handle payments
 - ii. Krissy, Daisy, and Lizzy will handle check-in; Sarah will help on Saturday
 - iii. Carly and Jill will help out on both days as needed
 - iv. Designated person for each room/speaker
 1. Rosie and Cary will swap that role for their room
 2. Krissy will handle the Yoga room
 - v. Set up at 7:30am for conference to start at 9:00am
 - vi. Rosie and Jill have around 20 raffle prizes, Annie said 2 colors for raffle tickets
 1. Will have raffles in both rooms for all 4 presentations on Friday as well as Saturday
 2. Annie proposed that we offer a free Fall and Spring conference in the raffle. Sarah seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.

III. Payment Received at conference

IV. Email out to attendees

- i. Annie will send this out with all information.
- ii. Do not need parking pass for Friday due to Spring Break.
 1. Krissy will add to website.
- iii. Include map on where to go.

V. Food

- i. Jill has cookies reserved for Saturday

- ii. Need to get box lunch number ASAP – Jill will tell SPU 110 box lunches
- iii. No outside food or drink in the conference rooms
- VI. Business Meeting During Saturday Lunch**
 - i. Cary will give update on Children’s Museum partnership
- VII. Board dinner – Nick is flying in Friday at 1:00pm**
 - i. Friday night after conference
- VIII. Priya will get final version of the program sent to Annie today**

III. Future Conferences

- I. Fall 2018-Kennewick WA, Lutheran Community Services**
 - i. Location is free as long as we exchange 5 free registrations
 - ii. Need to pick a date-Any Saturday date works for LCSNW
 - 1. AutPlay is Oct 26-27
 - 2. National Conference is the first week of October
 - 3. September 29th was chosen
 - iii. Speaker
 - 1. Rosie reached out to Dott Kelley to present, but it coincides with her retirement so is willing to commit to a half day
 - 2. Annie suggested having Dott present a half day and Cary the other half
 - iv. Flyer for spring conference
 - 1. Cary said that she will do take care of it
 - v. Krissy will add a save the date to the website

IV. Update Website FAQ

- I.** Rosie noticed that it was out of date
- II.** Krissy will update and have Rosie double check

V. Elections

- I.** Lizzy reported that everyone who wants to be on the Board will be on the board, just may not be in the position they want
- II.** Will email out ASAP so everyone can confirm, will announce at the Spring Conference

VI. Health of Washington Association for Play Therapy

- I.** Western Washington updates – no update
- II.** Eastern Washington updates
 - i. Kade reported 1st networking meeting on Saturday – small turnout with 3 people
 - 1. Planned around Spokane, future needs in the community
 - ii. Kade and Nayeli presented in February at Heritage University about play therapy
- III. Membership**
 - i. Rosie reported that we got several new members, 6 or 7 people
 - ii. Rosie said that she was finally successful in updating the website, and to find a RPT and RPT-S
 - 1. Will pass on a spreadsheet that has to be in a particular column
- IV. Financial Health – no update**
- V. Grad Students**
 - i. Cary reported that Antioch starts a new class in April, so will see new members then
- VI. Social Media**
 - i. Sarah reported that we’re up to 956 likes on the FB page, and that play therapy week was a little disappointing
 - ii. Cary and Sarah will coordinate getting Sarah off admin duties
- VII. Outreach**

- i. Cary finished at NAVOS, 6 training series
- ii. Cary will present in Bellingham
- iii. Jill presented at WAMFT coffee networking meeting on play therapy – talked up play therapy on Friday
- iv. Kade and Nayeli presented at Heritage University
- v. Rosie did a guest lecture at NW University for 2.5 hours
 1. There needs to be an evaluation with learning objectives in order to get APT credit, so Rosie will contact students to get evals done before sending CEUs
- vi. Krissy discussed play therapy at the Refresh Foster/Adopt Conference on March 3rd and 4th
- vii. Cary will present a class on April 24th at the Children’s Museum

VII. Gold Branch Update

- I. At 90 points
- II. Need to send out 2 emails to reach 100 for gold status
 - i. Lizzy will send Board announcements
 - ii. Newsletter needs to be sent out by March 31st

VIII. Networking Meetings

- I. Priya reported Seattle networking event in April
 - i. Stated that attendance at lunch and play was low

IX. Newsletter & Communications

- I. Spring Newsletter
 - i. Topics: Save the date for fall conference, links to Spring Conference registration, Cary will write a blurb for AutPlay, push for likes on social media with Amazon gift card prize, networking event
- II. Summer Newsletter
 - i. Will brainstorm at next board meeting

X. Next meeting: Sunday, May 6th at 7:00pm via Skype