



Washington Association for Play Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
May 19th, 2019, 7:00-8:15pm

Present Members: Andrea Kunwald (President), Jordan Klekamp (President-Elect), Denise Bower (Treasurer), Cary Hamilton (Director of Social Media), Fondra Magee (Eastern WA Networking Committee Director), Daisy Vergara (Western WA Representative), Kristina French (Eastern WA Networking Committee Director), Cary Beaulieu (Graduate Student Representative – City University), Heather Schilling (Conference Director), Priya Raghav (Western WA Networking Committee Director)

Absent Members: Krissy Perry (Secretary), Jill Forsberg (Past President), Kade Hodges (Eastern WA Representative),

Minutes taken by Jordan Klekamp, LMHC, RPT, WAAPT President-Elect

1. Fall Conference 2019

- Proposals
 - Event Center: Estimate of \$4000 with speaker, venue, and catered food
 - Women’s Club: Estimate of \$450 for the venue, \$1500 approximately for catered food, and \$1500 was travel/lodging for the speaker.
 - Double Tree: Heather reported was also higher cost.
- Members voted for Women’s Club venue and sending attendees for outside food. Cary proposed and Jordan seconded.

2. Newsletter:

- Heather offered to take over the newsletter as one of her duties.
- Ideas: Providing two opinions on a topic, having different board members contributing to the newsletter, including favorite interventions, linking topics between newsletter and Facebook page, highlighting local Washington play therapy blogs
- We need at least four newsletters to meet Gold Branch requirements. Andrea proposed an every-other-month newsletter.

3. Membership

- Krissy is working on updating the membership list on the website.
- Kade and Daisy have agreed to reach out to new members.

4. Outreach

- Agencies: Jordan spoke about going to agencies to give presentations.
- Graduate Programs: Daisy spoke about speaking with students at the local schools.
- Uniform Presentation: Cary and Jordan both have potential presentations. They will meet to make a uniform presentation to take to schools and agencies. Will wait until after APT sends out credentialing updates in May.
- School Counselor: Fondra will present to school counselors. Cary recommended that WAAPT have a booth at the next WASCA conference and place an article in the WASCA newsletter.

• Consultant Kirk Roberts

- Feedback
 - Present in today's meeting to observe how we run our meetings
 - Runs a company that does management consulting for small nonprofits
 - Bylaws are good, job descriptions are efficient, and budget understandable
 - Kirk gave structural feedback on how to help the board share the focus on the conferences and other outreach tasks. Questions to ask: what are potential members looking for and what can our board provide to get those things done.
- Questions for Kirk
 - Andrea named goals of improving communication between board members, participation in board meetings, and conference structure.
 - Cary provided background on the board's rapid growth and WAAPT presence in Eastern Washington.
 - Kirk and members offered the following ideas: infrequent live board meeting, raising awareness in Washington for WAAPT, leadership retreat, increasing the volunteer base
 - Kirk will send a proposal based on today's meeting, we will look it over, and then make a decision.
- **Next Meeting:** Friday, June 14th at 7 pm