



**Washington Association for Play Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 10th 2019, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Present Members: Andrea Kunwald (President), Jordan Klekamp (President-Elect), Jill Forsberg (Past President), Kade Hodges (Eastern WA Representative, Priya Raghav (Western WA Networking Committee Director)

Absent Members: Krissy Perry (Secretary), Denise Bower (Treasurer), Daisy Vergara (Western WA Representative), Fondra Magee (Eastern WA Networking Committee Director), Kristina French (Eastern WA Networking Committee Director), Cary Hamilton (Director of Social Media), Heather Schilling (Conference Director and Newsletter), Cary Beaulieu (Graduate Student Representative – City University)

Minutes taken by Jill Forsberg, LMFT, RPT-S, WAAPT Past President

I. Fee Increase Spring Conference:

- a. Fee increase: Registration typically opens up for the Spring Conference on Jan 1st. Daisy, please tell us some of your ideas.
- b. Discussed fees for Spring Conference. Andrea stated Psychoanalytic Society raised their fees to 130.00. Jill looked up last year's Spring Conference rates and they are generally comparable to Psychoanalytic, though they are a one day and we are uncertain re: food. Jordan brought up studying last two years of conference data to see what costs are and if we need to raise. Jill brought up concern of are we raising just to raise since we raised last year.

II. Posting Trainings on website:

- a. Please send Krissy an email with the details so she can add them to the website and she prefers at least a week's notice to get it up.

III. Network meetings and outreaches: Kade let us know Christina hosted a networking meeting 10/24. Two other attendees.

- a. January: Andrea's Office – Andrea stated she is planning to host Th either the 16 or 23; 1/23 – Kade is hosting an East of Mountains networking event. Location pending. Jill is teaching Family Play Therapy at Antioch the weekend of 1/11-12. This is currently open to matriculating students at Antioch, but might be offered to the general public.
- b. February: Priya reminded us of the Play Therapy Café last year and that it will be Play Therapy Week 1st week. Priya would like us to plan ahead for this event – Priya suggested inviting some sort of performance artist (could be spoken word, visual artist, drama, etc). Jill suggested a couple locations near West Seattle or using Antioch. Jordan suggested 2100 Building. Priya suggested her Kirkland Chamber of Commerce location, but worried it would be too small. Andrea asked Kade if they want to do an outreach during Play Therapy Week. Andrea suggested reaching out to a local news station.

IV. Spring Conference:

- a. **Venue:** Jordan please give us an update on the contract
 - i. Jordan reached out to UW Tacoma. Room is saved, but not officially ours yet. The point person is out of town until Tuesday. Once we hear the contract has been processed, the space is ours.
- b. **Speaker:** Andrea emailed Yumiko again on Monday, November 4, 2019
 - i. Andrea reached out to Yumiko and got her description, learning objectives and photo. The title of her presentation is Play Therapists Without Borders: Promoting Cultural Competency

V. Newsletter:

- a. Heather's ideas:
 - i. Offering something to anyone who reads the whole newsletter or if someone contacts us about presenting at their organization.
 - ii. Andrea presented Heather's ideas listed in agenda. Several ideas for prizes, anywhere from dollhouses to gift cards.
 - iii. Putting a small blurb at the end of the newsletter that said something like "you read the whole way through, good for you. First two people to email info@waapt.org get a Starbucks gift card".
- b. if you've read an article/book/anything make sure to email it to Heather.

VI. T-shirts:

- a. Black with State outline. Andrea is still looking for a vendor

VII. After Christmas Party/Board meeting:

- a. Priya likes the idea of meeting in person, maybe a one day. Andrea suggested someone's house or at the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce location. Jill offered her house as well.
- b. We decided the January meeting will be 1/25 at Jill's house. 11-2. Brunch. Jill will send out a dish type sign up. Noon business meeting, east of the mountain folks will Zoom in.

VIII. Elections

- a. Jill will send out an email to each current member to inquire whether that person intends to stay on the Board. Jill will also send an email to see who would like to be on the Elections committee

IX. Committee for Proposals

- a. Which Board members want to present? Krissy? Priya & Daisy? P & D are considering a presentation re: working with SE Asian population, but are checking with Yumiko to make sure there is no overlap; maybe a panel?. Jordan plans to present on Play Therapy and Community Mental Health. No proposals yet.
- b. WE brainstormed who we knew who might be interested in presenting. Several ideas were mentioned. The members will reach out to their suggestions and see if there is interest in presenting.

X. Next meeting: 1/25 at Jill's house from 11-2.