



**Washington Association for Play Therapy**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00-8:00pm**

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*Present Members:* Jill Forsberg (President), Andrea Kunwald (President-Elect), Krissy Perry (Secretary), Jennifer Daffon (Membership Director), Heather Schilling (Western WA Committee Chair), Daisy Vergara (Western WA Networking Committee Director), Cary Hamilton (Director of Social Media), Kim Butler (Conference Chair Director)

*Absent Members:* Annie Merriman (Past-President), Denise Bower (Treasurer), Nayeli Aranda (Eastern WA Networking Committee Director), Kade Hodges (Eastern Washington Committee Chair), Priya Raghav (Western WA Networking Committee Director), Lisa Brawn (Newsletter Committee), Cary Beaulieu Graduate Student Representative – City University)

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

**I. Fall Conference recap**

- I. 43 people total attended, 8 board members, and 4 people for free in lieu of venue fee
- II. Total paid for presenter was \$1998.00
- III. Slightly in the red on this conference
- IV. Jill went through feedback forms from conference – people either really loved Dott or weren't that thrilled
  - i. The main feedback was no handouts were provided.
  - ii. Long list of ideas for future conferences – teens, multicultural, medical play therapy, sand tray, basics or fun things to do, also more advanced type trainings
- V. Kim said she was disappointed there was no interaction or play.

**II. Prepping for Board Elections**

- I. Will post at the end of January and will get applications for whatever positions are open, and that will be announced at the Spring Conference
- II. Jill reported open positions as: President Elect
- III. Requested more robust descriptions of each position – specifically Conference Chair, Committee Chair
  - i. Andrea reported that her, Heather, and Denise looked at this on their Committee, but didn't really define each role yet.
  - ii. So each person can write out their roles and send to Andrea.
- IV. Jill suggested that one role of the Conference Chair is to keep up with other organizations and their conferences.
- V. Krissy suggested emailing out all the roles to everyone for revision and discussion.
- VI. Jill motioned revision of board roles via email. Cary seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.

**III. Outreach/Networking updates**

- I. Jill suggested looking at what other branches do for this. She said some Branches do: 5k's, lunches, summer picnic, maybe look at data for attendance for CEU vs non-CEU
- II. Andrea suggested an email for networking events.
- III. Daisy said that's she's promoting Networking events to Seattle University students.

**IV. Cross-Promotion**

- I. Can only promote events approved by APT, per our bylaws.

**V. Gold Branch Updates**

- I. Jill said we got our certificate and will put in Box.
- II. Still working towards next year's Gold Branch Status.
- III. Kim was a guest speaker at St. Marten's about Play Therapy for an undergrad psychology class. Jill has been talking at Antioch. Daisy talked to her Seattle U class about play therapy. Andrea wrote a blog post for her group practice. Jill also did an outreach with Game to Grow, and to see if we could work together. Cary is speaking at the NW Children's Museum Conference on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- IV. Jennifer reported that we had 7 new members since March.

**VI. Spring Conference**

- I. 1 submission for the half day conference
- II. Andrea said that she hasn't heard back from Becky Rudd.

**VII. Misc.**

- I. Due will go up in the next year or so, via APT.
- II. Jill is still working on tightening up access to all financial information.
- III. Financial update: \$11,000 in BoA account and \$5,000 in the PayPal account.
- IV. Jill stated that she connected with the Idaho APT President, and that they are interested in more co-hosting opportunities in Eastern WA.
- V. Jill has reached out to Oregon, Idaho, BC, and Alaska's play therapy chapter's to cohost the National APT Conference in Seattle. Once all agree, will cosign a letter to send to APT.
- VI. Krissy brought up Advertising on the Newsletter and at the Spring Conference, and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Heather and Kim will discuss.

**VIII. Next meeting: December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Skype**