

WAPT Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2015

PRESENT: Becky Rudd, PhD, LMFT, LMHC, RPT-S (Past President) Cary Hamilton, MA, MFT, LMHC, CMHS, RPT-S (President) Elizabeth Peixoto, MS, LMHC (President Elect) Jenny Meline LMHC, NCC (Secretary) Julianne Lu, LMHCA (Treasurer) Amy Rotz, MS, LMFTA (Director of Social Media) Shakesha Costict (Eastern Washington Committee Chair) Kristin Mueller (Membership Committee Chair) Valerie Juergens (Board member)

ABSENT: Stacy Glover (Communications Chair) Ron Defoe (Bastyr University Rep) Mike Wells (Seattle Pacific University Rep) Jessica Myers (Antioch University Rep)

Wild Apricot Account: A Vote was taken to pay the increase for wild apricot our webpage.

Treasurers Report : Julianne reported that 1:1 internet is charging on pay pal and is not cost effective. Julianne or Becky will see if there is another more effective way to pay for the internet .

President's Report:

Cary reviewed that all had reviewed the bylaws and answered any questions. Cary asked that Board Member Biography's were to be updated . Cary reminded that board we are currently only using one email box for the members.

Social Media Report: Cary discussed to the group and with Amy a new social media option introducing Hootsuite is a one stop shop for social media and it launches out to all other sites. Motioned to start a Hootsuite to link all social media accounts.

Amy also discussed her ideas of posting weekly blurbs that would be of interest to members such as : You know you're a play therapist when____. , intervention of the week, and a sponsored toy or book of the week just to name a few examples. She will email board members this week.

Future Conferences:

Fall Conference: Discussed having the possibility of a one day six hour fall conference on a Friday with Julie Erlich . She would be coming from Portland. Her fee would be 1000. We discussed the Location to be closer to Olympia. Cary will contact Juli to see which date would be more preferable. Cary will look into a couple of venue's.

Spring conference : We discussed Sueann Keinny –noziak with a speaker fee of 2500. It would be a two day conference with the first day being break out sessions and the second day a full day of Sueann. The tentative dates are March 11 & 12th or March 18th & 19th. Cary will see if the 12th is better or the 19th.

Eastern Washington Chair Report: Shakesha will head the networking meetings at EW at downtown Eastern Washington University campus. Next networking meeting will be June 11th. The topic will be Bibliotherapy. Shakesha updated happenings on the east with a big push for training at the agency she and another board member are employed by setting up an hour long intro to play therapy. She mentioned possibly branching out and teaching more in play therapy.

Western Washington : Discussed networking meetings on the west side time and place in early July 16th a topic to be determined. Networking meetings should be quarterly with summer not being planned due to so many members on vacation next meeting September.

Grad Student Representatives Reports: no updates at this time.

Membership Report: Cary will send an update and Kristen will send out renewal membership reminders and friendly updates

Next meetings: June 28th @ 7pm via skype.