



Washington Association for Play Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2017, 7:00-8:00pm

Present Members: Annie Merriman (President), Elizabeth Peixoto (Past President), Jill Forsberg (President-Elect), Krissy Perry (Secretary), Rosie Newman (Membership Director), Priya Raghav (Networking Committee Director), Kade Hodges (Eastern Washington Committee Chair), Cary Hamilton (Asst Board Director),

Absent Members: Denise Bower (Treasurer), Sarah Harwood (Director of Social Media, Graduate Student Representative - City University of Seattle), Jennifer Daffon (Western Washington Committee Chair), Daisy Vergara (Newsletter Committee), Stacy Glover (Newsletter Committee), Valerie Juergens (Asst Board Director), Nayeli Aranda (Graduate Student Representative – Walla Walla University)

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

I. Introduction of self and board position

I. Celebration of birthdays

- i. Cary has a birthday coming up

II. Spring Conference Recap

i. Hits-What went well?

- 1. Annie reported great feedback on evaluations.
- 2. Lizzy said great presentations and Cary mentioned lots of help from Board.

ii. Misses-What needed improvement?

- 1. Annie said sounds issues and cold on evaluations
- 2. Lizzy said raffle did not go well and possibly clearer signage for rooms.
- 3. Krissy suggested making check in smoother. Board ideas included: separate area for social workers, more table space so spread out better, handouts in the folders, specific payment line, separate students line.

iii. Wishes-What do we hope for our next conference?

- 1. Cary suggested more signs and banners, even with just the logo. Rosie said she may have signs.

- iv. Payment to Franc and Redline went out, but haven't gone through account. Annie said she would keep checking.

III. Future Conferences

I. Fall 2017 Conference – Saturday Oct 28th

i. Location updates

- 1. Lizzy said contract is signed for Quality Inn Suites in Spokane Valley with great rates on 8 rooms (\$89/night?), but need to let them know if we don't want some 2-3 months in advance. Also, Lizzy said audio/visual is a part of the deal, and we'll need to decide catering later.

ii. Discuss price for conference

- 1. Cary proposed bumping registration price up by \$10. Krissy seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.

- iii. When to open up registration
 - 1. Cary suggested July 1st. Krissy will add save the date to the website.
- iv. Ways to advertise
 - 1. Lizzy suggested to reaching out to schools and agencies out there. Cary suggested connecting with Idaho and Montana APT, as well as linking with local professional chapters. Jill said she will reach out to WAAMFT to talk about promoting and partnerships. Annie will reach out to Idaho and Montana WAAPT.
- v. Annie got an email from Grand Canyon University to set up a booth to advertise doctorate counseling program. Cary said that there is info in Box about this, but in the past have suggested pay a nominal fee. Rosie mentioned in the past there were "sponsorship packages." Annie will look over these options.
 - 1. Board agreed to table until next board meeting. Annie will update University.
- II. Spring 2018-March 23-24**
 - i. Need to find a venue
 - 1. Annie suggested doing this soon, and that Spring evaluations did not want Red Lion in Renton. Cary suggested looking at running list in Box.
 - ii. Cary will double check emails for signed copy of Nick's contract, and will resend if not.
 - iii. Lizzy recommended do a call for proposals sooner. Cary suggested adding to July newsletter with save the date for spring, and with every email for fall conference include section on proposal due date.
 - 1. Annie proposed Oct 1st proposal due date. Cary seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.
- IV. Proposal for additional board position**
 - I. Annie reported that both Jennifer and Valerie have emailed with resignations. In need of a Western Washington Chair.
 - II. Cary proposed adding an Eastern WA Networking Committee Chair with Michael Whitehead as the Chair. Kade seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.
 - i. Annie will contact Michael Whitehead to fulfill that role.
- V. Health of Washington Association for Play Therapy**
 - I. Western Washington updates
 - i. Annie reported no position currently. Board members will reach out to people.
 - II. Eastern Washington updates
 - i. Kade reported no updates, but will gather a list of schools to contact and spread the news.
 - III. Membership
 - i. Rosie defined role of updating the website and reach out to old and new members, and to recruit new members.
 - ii. Annie and Rosie reported no new updates from APT.
 - iii. Lizzy suggested updating supervisor list. Cary said that conference list is on Box, but should reach out to see who is actually supervising. Rosie will reach out and possibly add to website.
 - IV. Financial Health
 - i. Annie reported that she is close to being a signer on BoA account.
 - ii. Lizzy asked about PO Box. Annie said that Julianne and Denise are working on that together, and she will follow up with them on that. Lizzy mentioned that if changed, will need to update tax info and other applicable info.
 - V. Grad Students

- i. Cary said that she is trying to get an Antioch grad rep. Lizzy said that Sarah is graduating soon and will try to find her replacement.

VI. Social Media

- i. Annie said that Sarah is out sick but that FB is looking good.

VII. Outreach

- i. Cary reported that she presented at Navos and a talk at Antioch, so 2 outreach events.
- ii. Krissy presented at Overlake Christian Church in Redmond on April 11th.

VI. Networking Meetings

- I. Priya reported Krissy presented in April with great attendance.
- II. Meet and greet scheduled in May in Lynnwood.
- III. Rosie and Priya will discuss networking event after that.

VII. Newsletter & Communications

- I. Spring Newsletter
 - i. Annie talked to Stacy about getting out by May 15th and will follow up with both Daisy and Stacy.

VIII. Olympia Children's Museum Update

- I. Cary reported that they have printed the plaque and it will go up next week.
- II. Annie suggested adding donation reminder to newsletter. Cary also suggested social media and website.

IX. Next meeting: July 9th at 7:00pm via Skype