

The Florida Association for Play Therapy
 Board Meeting Minutes
 February 8, 2006
 9:05 pm until 10:15 pm conference call

Attendance to the meeting: Larry Rubin, President
 Diana Malca, Vice President
 Janet Courtney, Immediate Past President
 Martha Alien-Suarez, Reporting Secretary
 Deidra Skigen, Treasurer
 Julie Ojalvo, Member at Large
 Norma Bonet, Miami-Dade Chapter President
 Loretta Gallo Lopez, Conference Chairman
 Jill Davis, Central Florida Chapter President
 Marie D'Alessio, Tampa Chapter President
 Sandy Barlow, Tallahassee Area Chapter President

Larry Rubin, President, called the board meeting conference call to order at 9:05 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Larry Rubin requested that a membership committee be created to form Professional Liaison to interconnect the FAPT with other professional organizations in related fields of counseling. This committee would be in charge of coordinating with other organizations in interchanging of presentation spaces in their respective conferences. He has a connection with The Florida Association of Marriage and Family therapist (FAMFT). He would like to invite of other Professional organizations to represent them at the FAPT, to attend other conferences and promote FAPT. The Florida Association of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist president has approached Larry to swap spaces at the perspective conferences. There are five major counseling organizations and it is recommended that representatives from each organization be members of the committee.

Larry made the proposal to create the Professional Liaison committee, consistent of five members of FAPT. Martha called the proposal to a vote and the vote was unanimous with no abstinence to the vote. Larry made the proposal to purchase a table for 200.00 for the ADEC conference and to buy a banner 3 feet by 6 feet to use at the tables of each conference the FAPT represents.

The vote was called and it was voted unanimously with no absences.

People nominated for the committee to represent FAPT to the State level organizations were as follows:

Elaine Sadkowski:	Florida's National Association for Social Work
Sandy Barlow:	Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapist
Cary Ballesteros:	Florida Mental Health Counselor's Association
(open for nomination):	Florida School Counseling Association
Larry Rubin:	Florida Psychological Association

Diana Malca: Broward Mental Health
 Carry Ballesteros: Florida School Psychologist Association
 Loretta Gallo, who is the chair of the conference committee agreed to set up a 6 foot table for the FAMFT at the FAPT conference in Orlando in April.

Larry introduced the discussion and approval of the FAPT brochure. The Proposal was made by Larry to approve the FAPT brochure, which had been emailed to each board member. Larry called for a vote and Martha seconded it. The vote was unanimous to approve the FAPT brochure created by Larry and emailed to each board member before the meeting.

The Viola Broday Award nomination was discussed by Janet Courtney. Dr. Betty Metcalf was proposed to receive the award. Janet Courtney made the proposal that that Betty Metcalf would be the recipient of the Viola Brody Award to be presented to her at the FAPT. The members discussed it. It was suggested that a gift certificate for dinner at a local restaurant be given as part of the award. Larry brought the call for a vote and the proposal was approved unanimously.

Larry asked for approval to use the newly created and purchased FAPT promotional merchandise for Chapter meetings and to sell and give away some items at the FAPT conference. This merchandise purchase had been previously approved in the FAPT meeting in December. The merchandise includes pads, pens, tote bags, ceramic mugs, squeeze bottles, t-shirts all with the FAPT logo on them are available for chapters to use at their meetings. These items will be available at the FAPT annual conference to be held in April. The members agreed these would be good uses for the merchandise.

Norma, Jill, Marie and Sandy discussed issues related to chapters sending information concerning the activities of the chapters in to her for the news letter. Norma suggested the chapters send in activities they would like to do for the newsletter. Norma said she would work with Mariela Betancourt president of the Broward Chapter to encourage her to send in her Chapter news. Jill Davis, president of the Central Florida Chapter reports her chapter has been working on holding meetings at Nova University and Barry University in Orlando. DeeDee Nold will hold a workshop entitled, "The Indigo Child and how he plays," in Naples Florida which will be followed by a meeting to form a Naples/Ft. Myers Chapter of the Florida Association for Play Therapy. Marie reports her chapter is planning a seminar for March 22, upon approval by Diana Malca.

The next order of business brought for discussion by Larry Rubin is the nominations for board positions for the 2006-2007 year. He reports that the nominations or to be called for President, Vice President, Treasure, (1) Member At Large and Student Representative. Nominations for President were Larry Rubin, and for Vice President, Diana Malca. The members will be encouraged to bring forth more nominations for the other positions by the FAPT news letter. Norma was going to review the bylaws to confirm some positions that would require nominations. Every current Chapter must have nominations for their current board positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer

Julie Ojalvo introduced the discussion for ideas for incentives for providing FAPT workshops and incentives for new members and returning members. It was recommended that Julie draft the proposals for incentives for providing FAPT workshops for the next board meeting.

The incentives for encouraging new members and expired member to return were next discussed. Julie reported that expired members are sent a welcome back letter. It was suggested that discount coupons be used as an incentive for returning members. Members suggested that Julie and Elaine Sadkowski get together to brain storm about more ideas.

Larry asked if there was any new business. No one reported any new business.

The meeting was called to adjourn by Julie and seconded by Norma.

Then meeting ended at 10:00 pm

The next board meeting will be held in Orlando April 21 at the FAPT conference.