

**Florida Association for Play therapy
Monthly board meeting
April 21, 2006
6:00 pm until 7:30 pm**

Attendance

Larry Rubin	President FAPT
Martha Allen-Suarez	Recording Secretary FAPT
Elaine Sadkowski	Member at large
Sandy Barlow	Tallahassee Area Chapter President
Carrie Cohen	Member at large Tampa Bay
Marie D'Alessio	Tampa Bay Chapter President
Dee Dee Nold	Naples Chapter President
Norma Bonet	Miami-Dade Chapter President
Loretta Gallo	Conference Chair

The minutes from the previous board meeting in March were read by Martha, voted for approval by Norma, and seconded by Elaine.

The treasurer's Report was discussed. It will be formally tabulated at the end of the FAPT conference and minutes will be amended. The final tabulation will be sent to board members by email for approval by Deidre Skigen the treasurer.

Larry Rubin opened the meeting by congratulating the conference committee for a job well done. The FAASW presented the FAPT a scholarship for their next conference in appreciation for being able to have a display at the FAPT conference. Larry presented the scholarship to Norma Bonet for her hard work.

Larry proposed purchasing a display table for \$250.00 for FAPT to be represented at the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health, (FAIMH) Conference that will be held in Sarasota Florida in May. Dee Dee Nolds called the proposal to a vote and it was second by Elaine Sadkowski. The proposal was past unanimously. There were no absence votes.

Larry discussed the possibility for FAPT to sponsor a member's conference fees to go to the various professional conferences to represent FAPT

The next order of business called by Larry was to approve the new Palm Beach/Martin County Chapter. Loretta called the vote to approve the new chapter. The call for a vote was seconded by Carrie Cohen. The proposal was past unanimously. There were no abstentions.

The Palm Beach/Martin County Chapter has 14 members. The President is Grace Childes, Vice President, Roxanne Grobbel and the Secretary Treasurer is Linda Hunter.

The next order of business called by Larry was to approve the creation of the Naples/Fort Myers Chapter. The vote to approve this new chapter was called by Marie D'Alessio, the Vote was seconded by Norma Bonet. The proposal was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

The next order of business discussed by Larry Rubin was the Gold Branch Audit. Larry explained the criteria for receiving Gold Branch status. He indicated that FAPT already complies with criteria 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18-20, 21, 22, 24-26 and 28. The criteria had already been emailed to the board members for their review two weeks before the board meeting. The members scheduled a subsequent meeting (time to be arranged) to address and implement the remaining criteria.

The next order of old business brought to discussion by Elaine Sadkowski was the roles of the members at large. Elaine and Julie Ojalvo suggestions were discussed to offer incentives to welcome back members who have let their membership lapse for a year. The Membership at Large discussed an incentive program to increase renewal of lapsed memberships. It was agreed that Elaine and Larry will work together to develop an incentive item to welcome back these members. The incentive item would be given to members who renew their membership after letting it lapse for one year and complete a brief survey on why they have let their membership lapse.

Diana agreed to collect nominations (unless she is a nominee, in which case, they will be tabulated by someone not in the nominee pool) for board positions that will be up for a vote in the summer. She said she would work on a plan for electronic voting.

The board discussed ways to encourage members to submit articles for the newsletters. Larry proposed the people who submit articles for the next calendar's year of news letters be able to participate in a raffle to receive \$250.00 to be applied for registration for the International Association for Play therapy for the 2007 year.

The chapter presidents asked for clarification concerning the collection of monies for workshops presented in their areas. Norma explained that no Chapters could raise money according to the bylaws.

Larry asked if there was any new business. No one had any new business to discuss. He announced the next meeting of the board would be a teleconference on June 15 at 9 pm. Marie D'Alessio called to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dee Dee Nolds.

The board meeting ended at 7:30 pm

