

Florida Association for Play Therapy
Chapter Presidents Communication
October 26, 2006
9 pm until 9:40 pm

Attendance:

Larry Rubin	FAPT President
Martha Allen-Suarez	FAPT Recording Secretary
Amanda Smith	Central Florida Chapter President
Jackie Recroft	Tampa Bay Chapter President
Norma Bonet	Miami Dade Chapter President

Larry Rubin started the meeting by welcoming the new chapter presidents, Amanda Smith and Jackie Reycraft. He then informed the Chapter presidents of FAPT items that were available for the Chapters to use in their meetings as either to be given away or to be raffled off as door prizes. He listed FAPT mugs, water bottles, t-shirts, pens, tote bags and writing pads as items the presidents could request from him via email for use in their meetings. He also informed them there were FAPT brochures and APT Brochures available for their use if they would let him know if they wanted any.

The second item Larry communicated to the chapter presidents was for each chapter president to discuss with other and former presidents concerning tips on how to encourage good quality trainings and to increase membership. Chapter presidents were requested to submit articles for the newsletter. The next newsletter dead line is January 1st 2007.

Larry explained to the presidents that Julie Ojalvo, the branch treasurer is developing a form for collecting fees for the trainings. The CEU packet, posted on the web site, will include the new form once it is approved by the board.

Questions were raised concerning how to become a Registered Play Therapist and how to promote new members. The new presidents were referred to the APT web site, which has the RPT forms, and to call Carol Guererro who can answer specific questions about the qualifications to become an RPT.

Norma Bonet suggested one way to promote membership is to provide waivers for new members for upcoming workshops. Also discussed, was the importance of giving members special privileges like being able to download the newsletter on the web site.

The next discussion was paying speakers for the workshops. They discussed paying 100.00 dollars for a two-hour workshop. Jackie and Amanda reported they have not paid speakers in their chapters in the past. Larry reminded the Chapter presidents that chapters were not allowed to hold moneys collected at workshops but were to send the money to FAPT treasurer. Larry informed the presidents that the speakers for the workshops did

not have to be RPT's but needed to be licensed. He also suggested that the presidents call local newspapers and ask them if they would be interested in know what FAPT is doing.

Larry reminded the chapter presidents of the discussion forum, which is available on the internet per his email communication. He asked if anyone had other topics to be listed for discussion on the forum to email suggestions to him so he could add more areas for discussion.

Norma Bonet explained that the way to get credit for recruiting members is to put your name on the form where it asks for sponsors.

Larry asked Martha to get in touch with Bill Burns and find out about any promotions for people who recruited more members.

There was no more discussion and the meeting ended at 9:40 pm.