

January 2008 Minutes

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ROCHESTER AREA GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY SOCIETY**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 9, 2008
Present: Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque, Howard Markus, Kate Fisher, Candace Sorensen, Amy Lyons, Elizabeth Driscoll, Amanda O'Hearn, Ann Betz, Wendy Sullivan
Absent: Peter Sullivan
Called to Order: 7:00 PM
Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Topic	Discussion	Action
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy New Year and good luck to Ann as she runs her first meeting as RAGPS President. Thanks for the pizza Ann! • Kate Fisher has offered her house for a pot luck dinner to be held at a future date. 	
Review of Minutes (Amy Lyons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from the March board meeting were reviewed by board members and passed via e-mail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were then posted on the web site.
Treasurer's Report (Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn reported revenue totals of \$600.00 in membership renewals. Our bank statements reports \$8731.22 balance. There was concern and discussion regarding this year's budget and how RAGPS had spent more than what was brought in the 2006-2007 year. • Revenue is under budget so far for this year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was extensive discussion on how to increase membership and where to cut costs, possibly by finding different sites for workshops that may not be as expensive as the Academy of Medicine. • The goal of RAGPS this year is to spend less and increase membership in order to get the budget on track.
President's Report (Ann Betz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting. 	
Education Committee		

Education Committee**(Amanda O'Hearn)**

- Amanda reported that there was about 20 people in attendance for the MRDD workshop held in December 2007 with very favorable comments on the workshop evaluation sheet.
- Amanda updated the board on plans for future workshops in 2008:
 1. Ethical Dilemmas and the Group Therapist: A Panel Discussion and Open Forum Moderated by Ann Betz

March 6th at 7:15pm at St. John Fisher College: Wilson Formal Lounge in Ward/Haffey Hall
 2. In May Dr. Jim Wallace will present on How Are Clinical Teams Like Therapy Groups?: Tricks and Traps with date and place to be determined at this point in time. A
- St. John Fisher was identified as a pleasant location with the only drawbacks being parking and the fact that it is not a central location for many members. Kate Fisher was going to look into the catering service through St. John Fisher for refreshments.
- There was discussion about sending postcards out advertising the spring workshop opportunities so people in the community can plan and be prepared to sign up once the workshop flyer was sent out. Amy and Barb will work with the postcards and trial this type of communication in the month of February.

Advanced Studies

- Nothing to report at this time.

Annual Conference Committee

- Nothing to report at this time.

Membership Committee**(Candace Sorensen)**

- Candace reported that RAGPS has about 59 current members as a result of the August membership drive and the last workshop held in December.
- Elizabeth Driscoll reiterated the need to publicize our group on college campuses so as to reach out to students who might be interested in attending workshops and subsequently joining RAGPS as student members.

Communication Committee

- Kate Fisher will be taking over
- Please submit any articles of

(Kate Fisher)

as chair of the Communication Committee and she will be planning the next newsletter which she hopes to have out by 3/6/08.

- At this time there was discussion once again about increasing revenue possibly through advertising in the newsletter. Wendy Sullivan suggested increasing the advertisement fee to \$25.00 for a quarter page, \$50.00 for half page, and \$100.00 for a whole page.

interest, cartoons, and of course reports from the chair of each committee to Kate as soon as possible so this newsletter gets under way.

- Wendy motioned for the increased advertisement fees, Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque seconded and the vote was passed with five votes.

New Business

- Board meetings for 2008 will occur on 3/14, 5/14, 7/9, 9/10, and 11/12.

Nominating Committee

- Nothing to report at this time.

Executive Committee Meeting: E-mail agenda items and concerns to Ann Betz about a week before the Board meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting: March 12, 2008 at Rochester Rehab 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Lyons, MS, ATR