

MAPT Board Meeting Minutes from the Annual Conference meeting held in St. Charles, Missouri on Thursday, June 4, 2009. The meeting was conducted at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The Board meeting was called to order by MAPT President, Jerri Gravens at 6:45 p.m.

Board members present included Jerri Graven, President, Kriti Perryman, President Elect, Lisa Nash, Treasure, Joyce Wilkerson, Member at Large, and Larry R. Beckett, Secretary.

Other MAPT members present included: Debbie Hubbell, Carrie Boone, Barb Hylton, Kisa Roberts Southeast Area Representative, Kerri Koehler-Butt and Corie Schoeneberg, Northwest Area Representatives, Pam Dyson and Stephanie Niewoehner, Northeast Area Representatives.

President Elect report:

Deferred until new business.

Secretary report:

The Secretary report from the former board meeting (January 10, 2009) was introduced. These minutes are posted on our MAPT website. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kristi and seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

Treasure's report:

The Treasure's report was provided by Lisa Nash. A motion to accept the Treasure's report was made by Joyce and seconded by Kristi. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Prepared for Board Meeting on June 4, 2009

Lisa Nash

Beginning balance

2827.03

Checks

1023 201.00 Great Southern Agency
201.00

Debits

125.21	Vistaprint (postcards)
1.00	Post Office
24.30	Walmart
3.40	Michaels
5.33	Staples
<u>39.02</u>	Gas for trip to St. Charles
198.26	

Misc

None

Deposits

3/31	310.60	Annual Conference workshop registrations
4/22	775.15	APT (515.00) Springfield area meeting (60) AC registration
5/01	1,354.05	AC Registrations
5/07	800.00	AC Registrations
5/13	3,004.45	AC Registrations
5/26	<u>846.75</u>	AC Registrations
	7,091.00	

Outstanding checks

None

Ending balance

9,855.66

Member at Large report:

The Member at Large report was provided by Joyce Wilkerson. A motion to accept the Member at Large report was made by Lisa and seconded by Jerri. Motion carried.

MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT

Submitted for Board Meeting June 4, 2009

by Joyce Wilkerson

Membership information and activities March 21, 2009 to present:

* Member at Large has continued to submit updated MAPT Membership Lists to Board Members, Area Representatives, and Tim Smith, Webmaster, on a monthly basis. Lists include complete, current membership information and separate lists designating New Members, Renewed Memberships, and Expired Memberships.

- * Completed phone and email contact with each Area Representative to:
 - finalize plans for annual conference - eg. display tables depicting activities sponsored in each Area, contact persons, and promotion of APT/MAPT membership
 - provide details regarding date/time of June Board meeting and Area Rep meeting
 - discuss membership and Play Therapy activities in their Area
 - convey revisions pertaining to Area Reps as per Board minutes March 21, 2009 (revisions provided verbally and in writing)
 - discuss continuation as Area Rep

- * Made personal contact with MAPT members to provide friendly reminder of renewal

- * Contacted APT to discuss innovative and successful membership building activities taking place around the country. Suggested creating a venue dedicated to sharing ideas regarding successful membership drives and activities. APT staff member indicated they see significant growth in membership by having more people directly involved in branch activities. If little is offered and people are not involved, membership tends to decrease.

- * Submitted the following membership building ideas to the Board:
 - Committee Sign-up Sheet at conference (including Membership Committee)
 - Consider implementing “Lead Area Rep” to provide increased support to Reps, generate ideas, and relay information/questions to Board
 - Encourage recruitment of students and other professionals in each Area to share tasks
 - Consider increasing to minimum of two Reps per Area
 - Generate membership drive ideas at conference and offer prize for best idea
 - Schedule to meet with Area Reps during conference

Membership:

Current Professional Membership as of most recent report – May 2009: 126

Joyce reported eighteen (18) renewals this month. Excellent work, Joyce!! Joyce informed the Board she has maintained contact with APT staff for continuity of MAPT services. Joyce spoke to the Board concerning what it will take for MAPT to reach Gold Branch status during this calendar year. Our organization will need to grow in both affiliate and professional memberships.

Area Representative Reports:

Pam and Stephanie reported two successful trainings. One was in November and the last one was in January. They shared their meeting and other communications are scheduled

via group e-mails. They suggested that modality of communication appeared effective. Great work Pam and Stephanie!!

Kerri and Corie reported they had submitted a face book page to APT, and it had been accepted. These ladies cover a large geographic area. They are very much appreciated. Great job!!

Kisa Roberts has been assisting Darryl in the Southwest Region. Kisa will now begin focusing more on the Southeastern MAPT membership.

Old Business:

Joyce informed the Board and other members present the MAPT Gold Branch status for 2008/2009 had been missed by six (6) members.

Joyce informed the Board she had sent out the annual MAPT Newsletter to membership. The Newsletter was filled with interesting information. Everyone that participated in submitting information, please know your efforts and skills are greatly appreciated!!

Jerri provided an overview of the conference scheduled to begin the following day. Members were excited to participate in this year's annual conference. Well done, Jerri!!

Future workshops planned:

Dr. Kristi Perryman and Barb Hylton are guest presenters at the September 2009 workshop in Springfield, Missouri. This workshop will address issues surrounding court preparation and Play Therapy. Please check the MAPT website for details of this training and CEU opportunity. This is a chance to meet and get to know some of your MAPT Board members better.

There is a second workshop being scheduled for November 14, 2009 in O'Fallon, Missouri. This workshop will cover how do use toys and games in a therapeutic sense, and various aspects of using colored sands and wooden sand tools in Play Therapy. The presenters will include several of your MAPT Board Members. This is another chance to meet and get to know your Board members better. MAPT CEU's will be offered. Please check the MAPT website for updated information on these and other training provided by MAPT.

Your MAPT Board is making every effort possible to meet the training needs of its membership. The membership is encouraged to contact the Board with requests for additional trainings.

Pam Dyson offered a suggestion to the Board to check the number of hits the MAPT website is receiving to determine future uses and direction of the website information. Pam's suggestion was welcomed by the Board. Following the Annual Conference Board

meeting, the Web Master from the MAPT website was contacted. The data was checked, and revealed based on current membership the website has a significant average of hits. The Board wishes to thank Pam for her insightful suggestion. Based on this data related information, the MAPT Board will use this information in making future decisions and recommendations.

Your MAPT Board is encouraging the MAPT membership and potential members to frequent the MAPT website, as there will be a number of new volunteers accepting positions this year. This will be a good way to put a face with a name. This is indeed an exciting time for MAPT. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact any Board Member and express their interest.

Discussion was entertained concerning the possibility to join with other area states in the production of MAPT related conferences and workshops. It is expected there will be further discussion concerning this topic as more information becomes available.

Joyce Wilkerson, Member at large, introduced a significant number of strategies she will be implementing to provide additional supports for Area Representatives. Thank you, Joyce!!

MAPT now has Student University Representatives serving MAPT. This information will soon be made available on the MAPT website. Way to go Graduate students!!

Your MAPT Board is asking the membership to submit their ideas for future conferences and workshops. The more membership involvement the more ideas that can be considered.

The Board received information concerning a possible source of scholarship funding that had been offered. A private donor has offered to fund a four-year student scholarship in the amount of \$200.00 per year. The scholarship is to be named the Dr. Kristi Perryman Student of Play Therapy Scholarship. The scholarship will be made available for application preceding the 2010 Annual Conference. The details and requirements of this scholarship will be posted on the MAPT website. Dr. Perryman has been significant in the advancement of Child-Centered Play Therapy. This has included her work with graduate counseling students. Dr. Perryman is a leader in the field of Play Therapy and Counseling and is most deserving of this honor. A motion was made by Jerri to accept this offer. The motion was seconded by Lisa. The motion carried. The Board accepted the offer for this funding. During this calendar year the MAPT Board Treasurer will receive funding sufficient for the first award to be made.

At 7:45 p.m. Kristi made a motion to adjourn the MAPT Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Joyce. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.