

Secretary report: Minutes of the MAPT Board meeting held on October 4, 2008 at OTC in Springfield, Missouri

Members in attendance: Jerri Graven, President, Kristi Perryman, President Elect, Joyce Wilkerson, Member At Large, Lisa Nash, Treasure, and Larry Beckett, Secretary.

Education Committee members present: None

Area Representatives present: Jason Zoellers, Columbia, Missouri Central Area Representative

The MAPT Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2008, by MAPT President, Jerri Graven. President Graven provided each attendee with a printed copy of the meeting agenda, and a complete informational packet of MAPT related data.

President Elect Report: Kristi provided suggestions concerning future MAPT trainings. A number of possible presenters and locations were reviewed. The board is planning to schedule a follow up meeting to determine a working calendar for the training cycle for the remainder of year.

Secretary report: A motion was made by Kristi to accept the minutes from the July board meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Joyce, and the motion carried by the board vote.

Treasure Report: Lisa provided the attendees with a detailed and current status report of the MAPT financial status. It was noted MAPT received a check from MSU in the amount of \$350.00 for profit sharing. That income was added to the MAPT checking account. A motion to accept the Treasure's report was made by Kristi and seconded by Jason and Joyce. The motion carried by a vote of the board.

Member At Large report: Joyce reported according to data from APT as of August 1, 2008 MAPT membership is now 159 strong. Joyce noted there are two new members, one a professional member and one an affiliate member that was not included in that data total. That would bring our most current data total to 161 members strong. The two new members were registered at the MAPT sponsored Child Parent Relationship Training (CPRT) workshop held in Springfield on Saturday, September 6, 2008. Joyce receives new data reports from APT on the 20th of each new month. We currently have 130 professional members, and we need 141 to meet that component of the *APT Gold Branch Award*. This means as an organization, we need 11 new professional members to join and support our MAPT organization to meet membership criteria for this year's *Gold Branch Award*.

Joyce reported she has called all members listed whose memberships have expired. Joyce also called APT to inquire if there were funds available to offer financial renewal assistance to members who expressed current financial struggles. APT staff reported no funding was available. Joyce has taken additional supportive steps to members, past and present, who indicated difficult times.

After presenting an overview of the APT Gold Branch Award criteria, Joyce presented a draft form of a Gold Branch Monthly Reporting Form for review. Board members made recommendations. Joyce will make changes to the draft as recommended and email as an attachment to Area Reps. Reps will be requested to submit information to the MAPT board by the 10th of each month. The current Gold Branch evaluation period ends March 31, 2009.

Area representative report: Jason Zoellers, Central Missouri Area Representative noted he had sent out an e-mail in Central Missouri that discussed 3-4 possible trainings and locations for the central part of the state. He reported he experienced approximately 25-30 percent reply ratio. Jason noted he has recently received his official certificate from APT recognizing him as an RPT-S. ***Congratulations to Jason! Job well done, Jason.*** Jason provided information concerning various possible presenters for the central area. He also confirmed the library (30-40 person capacity) in Columbia, Missouri is available with a reservation, at least two months in advance, at no cost for the room. The board wants to thank Jason for his individual and collective efforts of helping families and children through the promotion of Play Therapy.

Jerri presented a question concerning how area representatives would manage the process fees, and CEU certificates for trainings held in their respective areas. The board suggested the area representatives would handle the funds and then mail the money to the board treasure, Lisa Nash. The CEU certificates could be managed by the area representatives mailing the list of participants and their addresses to Lisa, and Lisa would funnel the names and addresses to the proper resource for the certificates to be printed and mailed to the participants. Jerri agreed she would send an e-mail out to out area representatives providing clear and concise procedures for such training opportunities.

Stephanie Niewoehner and Pam Dyson, North East Area Representatives submitted a written report for the board meeting. The NE Representatives held a meeting on September 13, 2008. Twelve (12) persons were in attendance. The group enjoyed good discussions that included CEU training options. The first training offering by the NE area is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2008. The hours for the training will be 1-3 p.m. The scheduled presenter is Dr. Colleen Biri. She is a Licensed Psychologist who specializes in evaluations for children. The MAPT Board sends their compliments to the North East Area Representatives for their continued efforts and hard work toward helping children and families through the promotion of Play Therapy.

Darryl Haslam, Area Representative for the Southwest Region conducted another lunch-time training in Springfield on Friday, October 3, 2008. Receiving a certificate for the training offered at that meeting was an option for attendees. The MAPT board wants to thank Darryl for his continued efforts to bring the SW folks together for lunch time trainings each quarter. Darryl promotes these quarterly meetings to area MAPT members and non-members in an effort to promote the use of Play Therapy. This systematic

approach appears to work well with a number of the area's Play Therapists. To obtain more information concerning the arrangements Darryl makes for these quarter meetings, please contact Darryl at DHaslam@missouristate.edu.

Discussion concerning the renewal of the MSU-MAPT yearly contract has been placed on hold pending further MAPT board discussion. The motion was made by Kristi that MAPT coordinate the 2009 annual conference. The motion was seconded by Lisa and carried by a board vote. The membership is encouraged to watch for a posting date and location on the MAPT website.

Discussion was entertained by the board concerning student fees to attend workshops. The board agreed students will be assessed a fee of 50 percent of the regular attendee fee. That price/percent is subject to change by the MAPT board based on economic changes.

Due to time restrictions the board was unable to pursue discussion concerning the duties and responsibilities of the existing Educational Committee. Lisa made a motion to table that discussion until the next board meeting. The motion was seconded by Joyce and Jason. Motion carried.

MAPT President, Jerri Graven called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by Lisa. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Much thanks to the board members and area representatives that were able to attend today's meeting. Those unable to attend please know you were missed, and that your efforts and work are appreciated. The MAPT Board appreciates all those individuals that are willing to give of their time and talents in the service of the needs of children and families through the promotion and use of Play Therapy.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry R. Beckett, MAPT Board Secretary