

Broward Association of School Psychologists
Meeting 10/24/14

In Attendance: Caroline Hejja (President), Bianca Srivastava (Vice President), Elouise Demestichas (Secretary), Melanie Levine (Technology Contact), Jeanette Schwartz, Carol A. Wartenberg, Susan Jones, Michele Rogatinsky, Pamela Dyson, Dawn Sclafani, Nicole C. Campanella, and Catherine Poindujour.

Not present: Tiffany Griffin (Intern Representative). Tiffany emailed Caroline and indicated that she had a conflict and would not be able to attend. Tiffany tried to get another intern to attend in her place but was unable to. Caroline will inform Tiffany of anything that the interns need to be aware of.

The meeting opened with the approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on September 26, 2014.

Order Of Business

Treasurer's Report

Caroline Hejja commented that Raquel Palacio (Past Treasurer) is now employed in another department and has resigned as Treasurer of BASP. Audrey Wong has offered to take on the role of Treasurer for the year. The members will be called on to vote on her approval. Once she is approved the Treasury will be handed over to her.

Budget Update

At the last training some psychologists signed up for membership because they wanted CEU's. Raquel Palacio submitted an update of the Treasury's Report. The current balance is \$6,691.79.

New Business

Community Service Committee

Given our strong financial situation, Caroline suggested that we consider bringing in a speaker or organize a major community service event. She noted that several members have signed up to be on the community service committee, but no one has volunteered to chair the committee.

Social Committee

The Social Committee's big event is the end of year luncheon. Caroline noted that it was not too early to start thinking about venues because they get booked up early.

She encouraged the social committee to start investigating places for the luncheon. Last year's luncheon was held at Café Vico. The attendance was good, partly because we honored Dr. Joseph Tamburino on his retirement. Everyone loved the food, but the space was not optimal and the group had to be separated in different rooms. Melanie asked if BASP was doing a holiday party. Caroline reiterated that the Sunshine Committee determined that they were going to take care the holiday luncheon and BASP would take care of the end of year luncheon, as we present awards at that time. We can also organize other smaller events.

School Psychology Week

Committee Volunteers: Beth Pomerantz, Barbara Prelack, Jeanette Schwartz, and Carol Wartenberg.

Caroline Hejja indicated that BASP used to be in charge of preparing the Board at KC Wright, but it has already been done. However, BASP can provide supplemental information. Caroline noted that several people said that they would like to do something with the universities. Bianca reported that Nova usually prepares a table in the Psychology Building. She suggested that if we had materials, we could contribute to their table. Materials might include information about BASP and the district's website. Bianca will contact Nova to inquire if they would welcome us making a contribution to their table. She will inform Caroline of the outcome.

Caroline noted that during School Psychology week Psychologists look forward getting their recognition goody bag/gift from BASP. A discussion pursued regarding possible gifts. Suggestions included a clip for offices where you can change your messages. It was noted that not everyone had an office. Suggestions for gift ideas were called for. Suggestions offered were note pads and paper, sticky notes and posters. Nicole reported that she had a contact (Maverick), which has worked with BASP for years and was very reasonable. They would not charge a set up fee as they already had templates of the BASP logo. Nicole noted that if we chose to do pads and paper, the school board has a company who does that at a significantly reduced price. It was concluded that pads and paper was the most inexpensive option. Sticky notes were about four times the cost of pads and paper. Posters were also very expensive. Caroline will check with her sister regarding the printing of posters to see what kind of deal she could get. Last year's gift included candy and a stress ball. Jeanette asked what the budget was for School Psychology Week. Caroline indicated that \$400.00 was allocated for School Psychology Week and there were approximately 140 School Psychologists, which would be approximately \$3.00 per person. Since interns typically put the gift bags together, Caroline will contact the interns and see if they want to volunteer to do so.

Nicole reported that in the past all Psychologist received a goody bag and the BASP members received something extra in the form of a gift and/or the opportunity to have their names submitted for a raffle for a gift basket. Caroline will contact the coordinators and find out the appropriate way to inform the schools about School

Psychology Week, so that they could recognize their School Psychologists during that week.

The BASP Website

Melanie Levine indicated that she would like to overhaul the BASP website as it is outdated and does not look professional. She noted that it would entail us picking a template at a one-time cost of \$75.00. Melanie will bring samples of templates to the next meeting. Caroline reported that she located a video of Lane Russo's retirement on the website and she would have it copied and given to Bonnie before it is removed. She noted that previous minutes clearly state that the video should remain on the site until the end of the month that it was posted. Caroline also indicated that Dirian Valdes volunteered to assist Melanie as the Technology Contact and indicated that it would be good to have another person know what it entails and serve as another set of eyes.

Professional Development

At the present time BASP can only offer CEU's to School Psychologists (and not to Licensed Clinical Psychologists). Nicole noted that it costs BASP \$500.00 every other year to maintain that status. She reported that she has been trying to get BASP authorized to offer CEU's to Clinical Psychologists. After a lot of work Nicole Campanella reported that she was finally told that since BASP is a licensed body to give CEU's, Clinical Psychologists should be able to fax in their information as requested on the form and receive CEU's. Carol is going to try it and inform Nicole if she was successful. If she is, then BASP could start offering CEU's to Licensed Clinical Psychologists. Nicole will inform Carol when she should submit her information.

Other:

Carol gave a recommendation for community service. She noted that two women Engineers developed a solar powered light, which lasts seventeen hours. When one is purchased, another is donated to a needy area of the world.

Caroline Hejja asked the membership to email her with ideas regarding School Psychology Week, the End of Year Luncheon or any other suggestions. She also called for volunteers to chair the Social Committee for the luncheon as well as a chair for the Community Service Committee. She thanked everyone for coming and indicated that she was pleased to see so many BASP members in attendance.

Next Meeting: 11/21/14
Meeting Adjourned