

Broward Association of School Psychologists
Meeting 2/20/15

In Attendance: Caroline Hejja (President), Bianca Srivastava (Vice President), Elouise Demestichas (Secretary), Audrey Wong (Treasurer) and Melanie Levine (Technology Contact).

Minutes:

The Executive Committee approved the minutes from the last meeting held 1/23/15.

Order of Business

Treasurer's Report/ Budget Update

Audrey: More people have joined BASP and the money has been deposited. The bank will be advised that they should send the statements to Audrey's home and not the office. The balance in the account as of February 3rd was \$6992.21 (It is more now). Audrey will check to see if the bank will accept signature cards. Different personnel at the bank gave conflicting information. She will continue to work on resolving the banking issues. Audrey suggested we switch banks if they give us a hard time for not having a tax ID. The committee has agreed that we should be incorporated as a not for profit organization since we have the funds to do so. The application is on line at fba.gov. Caroline will check on the procedure.

We need to pay Sunshine what we agreed to for BASP members' spring and holiday luncheons. BASP also owes Caroline for purchases she made for School Psychology week, Team Building Day, and the Valentine's Day party at Susan B. Anthony center. She will submit those receipts. Other bills are also outstanding from Jackie, who helped with purchases. Since we have enough money we will donate a significant amount to BASP members for the End of the Year luncheon etc.

Old Business

The BASP Website

Melanie presented a preview of the BASP website, which is still under construction. She currently has event pictures from the department's picnic and Positive Psychology Day. Caroline will send Melanie the pictures she took at the Valentine's Day party and the School Supply Drive, which are BASP sponsored events. A video message from the president was suggested for the front page. Melanie will send us the link for us to review the site prior to the next meeting, when recommendations will be discussed. Email Caroline with ideas.

Suggestions:

Include pictures of Psychologists for whom the awards are named (Dr. Jim Rockwell, Dr. Phil Seat and Anita Grinn) accompanied by a good description for each award. We should be able to get the pictures from Bonnie Cronenberg, who keeps all the pictures.

The committee agreed that we need a written, attractive description of BASP's purpose for the site.

Meetings Location:

We have one more meeting in the workroom. We will have our own room for the meetings in April and May.

Community Service Committee

The Valentine's Day party was discussed. Although it was a success, it started off with a setback. After the room that we were initially assigned was decorated for the party, the CEO came in and said that we were unable to use that room, as there was going to be an art exhibit there. We were relocated. We dismantled the decorations and decorated the alternate room. Despite the setback the children and their mothers enjoyed the party and participated in making cards and playing the games. Caroline took pictures of parents and kids who signed releases for us. She also took pictures of us working. The mothers helped to clean up the room after the party. Overall every one seemed appreciative. Bianca said that some of the mothers who did not have their children there were told that the party was mandatory. Caroline will check with her contact about that.

Social Committee

End of Year Luncheon:

Plantation Preserve Country Club is only for use by members and therefore not available to us. Jacaranda Country Club requires a minimum of 100 people in attendance, and we typically only have 75. Their buffet ranges from \$19.95 to \$23.95, with an additional 20% service charge and 6% tax. The following suggestions were discussed: The Riverside Hotel, The Sunrise City Center, Signature Grand, The Renaissance Hotel, Arthur Ashe, and hosting the luncheon at a condominium clubhouse. Someone will check with Melinda Wolf, a previous member, who owns four restaurants (Foxy, Coconuts, Red Cow and G&B Oyster) to see what she is able to offer. We need to decide on the venue for the luncheon soon.

Professional Development Team

Audrey attended the Learning and the Brain conference (how the brain is developed, ways to enhance memory) and recommended two speakers. She will

investigate further and get an outline of what they would cover in a presentation for us and how much it would cost. We will ask those who attended NASP for suggestions for presenters. Caroline will attend a conference in New York in April to the Young Child Expo and Conference, which will focus on autism. Temple Grandin is a keynote presenter. She will bring back suggestions.

The Banner:

Caroline called her sister to check on the prices of the tablecloth and banner, but she has not gotten back to her as yet. Audrey recommended \$500 as a budget for this. Caroline will report on the prices and suggestions from her sister.

Awards

We need to get in touch with the awards committee members so they can start working on sending applications out, so our colleagues can start thinking about suggestions for nomination. Last year we received some nominations, which were not suitable for what the award was intended. We therefore need to put a good description of the criteria for each award. Caroline will look over the descriptions and bring any information she has to the next meeting. We might also contact ~~with~~ Danielle Stock for information regarding the Anita Grinn award, as she was the initiator of the award. We will also review the description of the awards to determine if the recipients of the awards need to be BASP members.

We need to put out a call for nominations for BASP Executive Committee positions.

Retiring this year: Jeannie Reynolds, Barbara Prelak, Crystal Evans and Sherry Weisler.

BASP usually does not recognize retirees, because the district has always recognized them. We can acknowledge retirees with a certificate. The district usually provides the plaque.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 13, 2015.