

Broward Association of School Psychologists
Meeting 8/6/15

In Attendance: Charles Negrea (President), Caroline Hejja (Professional Development Chair), Elouise Demestichas (Secretary), Audrey Wong (Treasurer), Phyllis Shinn (Social Committee Chair), and Melanie Levine (Website).

Bianca Srivastava (Vice President) resigned.

Officer Reports:

1. Secretary (Elouise)
 - The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Treasurer (Audrey)
 - Current Balance: \$6381.74.
 - EOY Luncheon: \$1,681.10 was paid for the End of Year Luncheon.
 - Bank Signature Cards: Charles as the current President will go to the bank to get a new signature card with his name. Caroline's name should be taken off when his is added. Charles will need a copy of the minutes endorsed by the Secretary.

Old Business

- Charles: CEU Monies: There was no money generated by CEU's from the Grief workshop offered by Tomorrow's Rainbow, as we did not sponsor CEU's. Charles will communicate with his contact (Marla), discuss the current calendar, and determine if we are able to sponsor the workshop this year.
- Charles will put a call out at the district meeting for Vice President and Community Service Chair.
 - a. Current Committee Chairs
 - Social/Membership: Phyllis and Audrey: Charles will remind Mary Claire and Rhonda to give him some time to speak at the district meeting. Briefly talk about what BASP is and encourage people to join at the meeting. Audrey received an email regarding the CEU Broker payment.

Professional Developmental (PD) Opportunities (meeting with coordinators)

- Mary Claire and Rhonda suggested one BASP Professional Day in November, February or March. If we held PD on a district professional day, the coordinators would make it mandatory.

- If held any other day the PD would not be mandatory and we could charge to offset the speaker. The coordinators suggested the person who spoke on Autism, to speak on EBD and ADHD report writing. We agreed that although she is a good speaker, she is too expensive (over \$4000.00). The consensus was that we would look for speakers on our own and consult with the coordinators.
- Other presenters discussed include Jack Naglieri (Executive Functioning), Mrs. Naglieri and Marty Levine. The budget for speakers should depend on who the speaker is and their ability to command a big audience to offset their fees.
- Neither the Superintendent nor Mr. Kingsley is coming to our district meeting. Mary Claire says there is currently a leadership-gap as there is no head of Student Services or ESE, and she felt it was not appropriate to invite the Superintendent at this time. BASP could invite him to an event sponsored by BASP. Phyllis will find out how and under what circumstances the Social workers got him to come to their meeting.
- Charles sent email to Kim Barryhill (connected to FASP and PBASP) regarding our tax status.
- Charles ordered the thank you gift, which is the all in one holder (\$700). He did not order the pens.

Caroline:

- Caroline presented the picture of the banner. She did not order the tablecloth as yet. She felt that it would be too expensive if ordered through her sister, which would cost approx. \$300.00. She has seen it on line for less than that. They also wanted the professional logo, which she did not have.
- The banner was approximately \$180.
- Ordering on line is cheaper, but you can't check the quality.
- Need clip boards to write on tablecloth. Caroline will continue to investigate the tablecloth situation. We budgeted \$500 for the project.
- Gifts Inventory: lots of suitcase tags, 30 clip boards, 9 mugs, lots of school psychology pins, 14 pads of paper saying from your school psychologists, and 9 lunch boxes.
- Ordering company name figured out and Charles has the contact information.
- Caroline will check with Bianca regarding serving on the community service committee.

- In the Bylaws it states that the winner of the Phil Seat Award should be a BASP member. We need to encourage more nominations and participation, as we only had one nomination for the Phil Seat and Anita Grinn Awards last year.
- Caroline will get together with Melanie to organize BASP pictures.

Audrey: will get a receipt book before the meeting.

Phyllis:

- Got master list of all psychologist to use for the meeting.
- Charles will bring in flash drive with pictures. May have to retake some of the pictures, as flash was not working properly.
- Recommended a thank you letter to contributors of back to school supplies.
- Phyllis will send email out requesting 4 tables at district meeting.

New Business

1. Preparation for District Meeting

a. Breakfast Responsibilities:

- 5 buckets of bagels from Einstein's (includes 13 bagels and 2 tubs of cream cheese in each bucket) - **Phyllis**
- 2 bags of Regular Coffee (not enough interest to make Decaf) - **Phyllis**
- 3 gallons of OJ - **Caroline**
- 3 large liquid creamers and small bag of ice - **Elouise**
- Fruit: 3 dozen bananas and whole lot of oranges/apples - **Charles**
- 3 dozen cereal bars or other type item- **Charles**
- Cooler - **Charles**
- Cups, napkins and teabags – **Audrey**
- Lots and lots of biscotti – **Melanie**

- ##### b. Arrive by 7 AM for setup at Multi-Purpose room (start coffee ASAP and then set up everything else!)

1. Priorities for This Year

a. Professional Development

Possible presenters discussed included Scott Poland (Crisis Intervention), Temple Grandin (Autism), and Marty Levine. Possible topics included ADHD vs. Autism, and the differential diagnosis between Autism and OHI.

b. Advocacy

Charles will send out emails regarding important issues to keep members aware of these issues and encourage members to advocate as a group. This entails sending emails to their representatives in congress. Issues may be presented at meetings, but addressed through personal emails. Caroline suggested that Charles, as the BASP President, might want to participate in the Consortium (a forum, made up of the universities and the school system to discuss issues and concerns regarding school psychology). Caroline will give Charles the contact information for the Consortium.

Caroline thought it would be interesting to make members aware of the history of BASP.

c. Community Service

Coordinators noted that it is through community service that we represent ourselves to the community. We can do large events like we have done in the past (March of Dimes and the Autism Walk). We can also do smaller events such as Toys for Tots (which can be done by sending out emails); fundraisers for the Cancer Society for example (silent auction), collect for organizations that we would like to support (e.g. Habitat for Humanity), or other organizations that support families and kids. Last year the school supplies went to the Broward Education Foundation.

Next Meeting

TBA

Meeting Adjourned.

Action Items

Charles:

- Announce the call to membership for candidates for VP and Social Service Committee Chair at the district meeting.
- Get in contact with Jane Lazarus regarding Nova speakers, students as well as contact information for retirees.
- Get in contact with president of PBASP.
- Bring thank-you recognition to give to those who donate to the school supplies.
- Bring 3 dozen bananas and whole lot of oranges/apples, 3 dozen cereal bars or other type item, and cooler to district meeting.

Caroline:

- Follow-up on tablecloth purchase.
- Follow up on the tax exemption.
- Follow up on the results of the survey monkey.
- Contact possible presenters, Temple Grandin (Autism Speaker) and Scott Poland (Crisis Intervention), to see how much they would charge.
- Follow-up with Bianca.
- Follow-up on pictures with Melanie.
- Bring 3 gallons of OJ to district meeting.
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Audrey:

- Buy a receipt book before the district meeting.
- Bring cups, napkins and tea bags.

Phyllis:

- Bring 5 buckets of bagels from Einstein's.
- Request four tables at district meeting.

Elouise:

- Bring 3 large liquid creamers and a small bag of ice.

Melanie:

- Lots and lots of Biscotti