

Attachment Network of Manitoba Network Meeting

January 18,2012 at Villa Rosa

Present: Leslie Johnston (chair), Karen Johnston (treasurer), Joanne Brown (board), Marge Chomoway (board), Janice McNaughton (supervisor of visits), Noelle Campbell (Wolseley Place Fm Centre), Jennifer Theule (UofM Psychology), Shay Smythe (Family Centre of Wpg), Cathy Seitz (Villa Rosa)

1. Leslie thanked Cathy Seitz for hosting and welcomed the group
2. Roundtable introductions on what each person is doing with respect to attachment. Jennifer Theule is coordinating some research around attachment based interventions, and if anyone wishes to work with her on having attachment programs evaluated, they may contact her. Karen is part of the FASD Outreach team that is going to embark on a research program involving Circle of Security intervention with families in their program.
3. Dan Hughes workshop went very well. We had nearly 200 people attend, and generous support from Metis CFS and Winnipeg CFS in particular. The feedback was all positive from people. We had 17 people attend the 3 days of training with Dan and they all reported that it was just what they needed, was thorough and innovative. The Caboto Centre comp'd the Network nearly \$600 back for the difficulties with the sound system, underscoring the excellent working relationship we have established with them. Karen expected the profit to be in excess of \$2000 for the event. People are already requesting that we get Dan back, and hopefully be able to offer his second level of training as well.
4. Treasurer- We have \$44,575.61 in our chequing account and \$3568.33 in our savings account. We paid out just over \$1600 to host our Nov 30 gala which celebrated the successes of our Circle of Security trainees and the launch of the Tuning Into Your Toddlers DVD that we are now offering for sale.
5. 10th anniversary conference- 2012 is the 10th anniversary of the Network and we are hoping to host a national conference showcasing the innovative programming involving attachment based services across Canada. We have booked the Caboto Centre Sept 27 and 28 and have put out a call for papers. Discussion around paying someone to deliver a keynote, also perhaps offering a parent-focused stream as opposed to only servicing professionals, and offering a poster presentation to those interested in that (perhaps students). We are hoping to tie this in with some public awareness that our PSA committee is developing.
6. PSA c'tee- They have been meeting regularly since the fall and are looking for places where videos naturally play (doctor offices, stores) to perhaps show a brief easy to understand video on attachment. Also looking at bus ads that offer

good one liners about attachment with a link to our website, then developing a web page more targeted at parents.

7. Family Court Update- Monique Gougeon will hopefully be addressing the Family Court Judges soon about attachment and the implications for custody and access decisions.
8. DVD Tuning Into Your Toddler is now available on line. We will send out a mass mailing next month with inserted video clips.
9. West Central Women's Resource Centre has developed a network, open to anyone, regarding those who are involved with the child welfare system, hoping to collect stories and perhaps develop a response. There appears to be little in the way of a systematic method of interpreting one family's situation, how children are brought into care or returned, and how communication is kept up or not with a family. Hopefully this Network will address this with the 4 Authorities.
10. Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting and the Board will meet soon to decide on a date and a location. Anyone wishing to join the board or a committee can email us at attachmentnetwork@shaw.ca