

Attachment Network General Meeting October 8, 2009

Present: Board members: Julia Wellwood, Karen Johnston(took minutes), Leslie Johnston, Laurie Marcella, Joanne Brown(Chair), Patti Sutherland, Dave Berry and Shawna Matthes. General members: Kristen Hreno, Pat Kelly, Leanne Miclash, Heidi Wiens, Sue Morison, Laurie McPherson, Joanne Thornhill, Mary Warmbrod, Penny Murrell-Cole.

Financial Report:

Our bank account balance is \$21,895.31, with some bills still outstanding at this time. This balance includes a small profit from the Gabor Maté conference, our grant of \$15,000 from Winnipeg Foundation and the money from CFS to subsidize the foster parents' participation in the COS conference, and some of the remaining profits from other conferences we have sponsored.

We now have official Charitable Status with Revenue Canada and can therefore apply for grants or give tax receipts. Yay!

COS Training:

There are sixteen people within ten agencies now trained in the Circle of Security model of assessment and treatment in Winnipeg. The 7-day training in September completed the training process that began about one year ago.

Bill Whelan presented the COS model in a 2-day conference – day 1 for foster and adoptive families, support workers and daycare workers and day 2 for therapists and social workers. About 200 participated.

The “Boulder Boy” vignette, shown by Bill Whelan, is available for purchase. It is a beautiful example of secure attachment behaviour of a toddler and the safe haven/secure base roles of a father. The ordering address will be posted on the Attachment Network website.

Toddler DVD Committee:

The Winnipeg Foundation has granted the Network \$20,000 for the development and production of this DVD. We are so grateful to the Winnipeg Foundation's generous grant.

Guy, our webmaster will send out a brief questionnaire to purchasers of our *Listening to Baby* DVD about its effectiveness. We need some feedback to use in our funding request to the Children's Hospital Foundation. The deadline for submission is October 23/09.

The Toddler DVD committee will meet soon to resume our work on the DVD.

Newsletter/Website Report:

Anyone with an article, review of an interesting resource, or an attachment-related example of practice etc. they are willing to share is invited to submit it to Julia via attachmentnetwork@shaw.ca.

Although the website is still a work in progress, it is gradually becoming more functional. Two conferences have now been run through it. If anyone purchases a book advertised

on our website from Amazon, the Network will get a small part of the profit. This helps to offset the cost of maintaining our website.

Attachment Network Questionnaire has been developed by Kristin and will be soon be sent out to members to survey their use of attachment information and knowledge and to get a sense of barriers to using it in their work. We need this information to determine what the community needs at this time. The Network can then tailor future programming on the basis of this information.

Future Direction of Network:

Discussion ensued about next steps:

1. To facilitate community access to COS services.
2. To develop a Consultation Group to assist those interested in integrating, implementing and applying an attachment lens in their work practice.
3. To encourage attendance at an event to survey the needs of the community by considering something to enhance attendance such as making it free and offering a draw prize or small prizes to attendees.

But first, it was decided to invite Network members to a Brown Bag lunch to discuss the concept of consultation groups, what they would like out of it, and how it can best be formatted. Clare McArton will check into space at MATC for such an event and get back to Joanne. A date will then be determined.

Winnipeg Foundation Reception:

Recipients of grants are invited to a reception on Oct. 27th. Two of our members should go – contact Joanne if interested.

The Early Childhood Education Conference has invited our Network to submit a proposal for a presentation. It needs to be submitted to Karen Gander by Oct 9 (deadline has been extended) – 586 8587. Patti has expressed an interested pursuing this and will contact a colleague about a presentation concept.

Next General Meeting: Feb 22, 2010, 1:30 – 4:00 at Villa Rosa, 784 Wolseley Ave.