

**Attachment Network of Manitoba Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 139 Tuxedo Ave.**

Present: Leslie Johnston, chair, Karen Johnston, treasurer, Sharon Welty, secretary, Julia Wellwood, Joanne Brown, Marge Chomoway, Gerry Brown, Laurie Marcella--all Board members; Georgette Martin-Couture, Jill Thordarson, Janice McNaughton, Verna Sullivan, Heidi Wiens, Cathy Seitz, Laurie McPherson, Enid Britton.

1. Treasurer Report

Chequing \$44,741.55

Savings \$3563.84

as of Oct 11, 2011

We still need to spend the savings money which is held by us on behalf of WRHA Mental Health Promotions. There is money still coming and going out for Daniel Hughes conference so the chequing account numbers will change

2. Dan Hughes conference Update

Explanation of the conference and the difference between doing the one day versus the three days. One day is open to foster parents, parents, workers, and anyone interested. The 3 day training is open to clinicians who work with children.

3. DVD Update

The DVD is in the final stages of printing and packaging. This DVD is a follow up on the initial DVD and is for parents and educators. The DVD committee will be meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> to go over the final details of the project and to view the final product. The editing process was challenging, but it has come together. The committee is hoping for the DVD to be ready for the conference on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

4. Gala Nov 30

There will be a wine a cheese event following to conference to celebrate and recognize those who have gone through the circle of security training. This will also hopefully be a time to launch the dvd. Some formal invites will be sent out to network supporters, however, it is an open event and will present some good networking opportunities. Marge and Leslie are going tomorrow to check out the site. The gala will officially start at 5.

5. Brown Bag Committee

Purpose of the brown bag committee is for the recipients of the COS training to give back and offer more training. The Network has learned that the large conferences that we hold do not often solidify the learning, and if COS trainees can meet with small groups of staff, then the whole staff team has an opportunity to solidify their knowledge, to ask questions, and even use examples to understand the material better. Patti Sutherland and Monique Gougeon are offering a SAG day workshop entitled "the 3 R's – Relationship, Relationship, Relationship." For more information email the network.

## 6. Public Service Announcement Committee

New committee formed this year which Pat is chairing. Presently the committee is reviewing literature and discussing who to target, partner with and the different media options available. The group is presently trying to get a catch phrase or statement to summarize attachment and is open to suggestions from others. Let the committee know if you have media connections the committee can utilize.

Gerry presented that the Eastman Early Years Committee which he is a part of is interested in promoting a similar thing and may be willing to partner. Gerry will talk to committee to see if this is a possibility

## 7. Newsletter

Call for submissions, deadline March.

## 8. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Conference

Joanne is putting out initial feelers to presenters from Manitoba. This conference is open to scholars and those who implement sound attachment information in their programs. People to present and attend from across the country. Richard Bowlby has been asked to be the key note speaker, we are waiting for response. The network will look at having a public info night like we did with Gabor Mate.

## 9. Court Initiative

There is talk of organizing development days for Judges, which would present opportunity judges to gain a deeper understanding of attachment, why it is important to the process, and how best to support a child through an attachment framework. There is some interest forming among the judges on attachment, and we will continue to support this. Discussion around possibly having Bob Marvin do some training with Family Conciliation and others involved in family court.

## 10. Discussion

a) Laurie McPherson- Handle with Care Project is a research project being launched on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> which is promoting positive mental health of children. There are 4 sites across country conducting the research, Winnipeg is one. They are presently looking for parents to be involved and professionals who are interested in being trained to be a facilitator. One of the sections the project looks at is trust and attachment. If interested contact Laurie at the WRHA.

b) International Adoptions – where do people go for support? What services are available? Perhaps the Network could offer something to those who do homestudies.

c) Getting attachment into high schools – Is it possible to get attachment into the family studies class where they are doing the pre-parent training. Possibly getting the DVD into those classrooms – would tie in naturally with taking the mechanical baby home. There is a natural tie in between attachment and the Roots of Empathy program.

11. Next Network Meeting – January 18, 2011 @ Villa Rosa from 12-2pm.