

Attachment Network of Manitoba Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2013 at Adoption Options

Present: Leslie Johnston (chair), Marge Chomoway, Laurie McPherson, Cathy Seitz, Joanne Brown, Laurie Marcella, Jenn Theule, Glenys Wirch.

1. Roundtable- members introduced themselves
2. Treasurer Report- Karen Johnston (treasurer) sent her regrets. She relayed information that we have just over \$48,000 in the bank. We used up the money set aside in our savings account to sponsor post secondary students to attend our conference. This was done in agreement with the WRHA Mental Health Promotions Unit who “shared” the steering of that money. We were able to sponsor 11 students outright and then asked for \$50 from another 5, which basically covered their food. In return, these students have provided us with a few paragraphs of how this conference met their learning needs in their disciplines.
3. Conference update- We made just under \$2000 on the conference, and have yet to recoup another \$2000 from people who have not yet paid. The Caboto Centre gave us almost \$1500 off the bill because of a number of errors on their part, especially on day 1. Joanne and Leslie noted that the head of Accounting and the Board President at Caboto have both called to convey their apologies for the mix ups we encountered.
4. Website- Jenn is part of a committee with Julia Wellwood and Chantal Wiebe who will be liaisons with Guy Dugas in creating a new and improved website for us. Guy has now retired from Red River College but prior to leaving, he arranged for the Network to be a practicum initiative for the Business Information Technology (BIT) program to take on. We now have 4 or 5 dedicated students who will be working with Guy and the committee to develop a site that will meet our needs both now and in the near future. Guy says the quality of workmanship is amazing, as these students are capable (and supervised) of creating megaprojects for large organizations. Next fall, this practicum will carry a fee of \$10,000. Guy is acting as our Network’s primary liason, which includes a needs assessment of our site, for a fee of \$2000, which he will turn over to the students association. The Network is indebted to the continued work Guy has provided for us!
Jenn updated us on some of the changes that they’ve suggested. We looked at the website and suggested a few more changes.
5. Circle of Security Parenting- Joanne has discussed bringing the Circle of Security training to Winnipeg again. This time we will be contracting with their organization out of Spokane, and we will have Kent Hoffman here Sept 24-27 (a Tuesday to Friday) to deliver the training. This will give participants the training, the dvd that accompanies the intervention, the manual, and the licence to use the material. Participants can use this material to run groups or deliver the material individually. The cost will be \$900 USD and once Joanne finds a location, we will issue the flyer. The Network will be covering costs such as coffee/tea/muffins, but the COS folks are responsible for paying for the venue, catering, their own costs (hotel, flight, per diem food). We are responsible for promoting the training. We need a minimum of 40 people to proceed.
6. Ideas- Leslie still has many fridge magnets and posters we created for the Conference. We may eventually put them up on our store. The next meeting is May 13 from noon to 2pm, for our AGM. We need a location still.