

MINUTES OF 11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ATTACHMENT NETWORK OF MANITOBA

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Present: Leslie Johnston, Joanne Brown (co-chairs); Jan Ranson (Treasurer); Kathleen McDonald, Sayma Malik (Board members); Chandra Bissoon (BSW Student); Camillia Layne (BSW student); Jane Litchfield (MATC); Mary Warmbrod (retired); Kim Romano Lee, Dawn Warkentin, Bonnie Snow (Adoption Options)

1:10pm Call to order

Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes: Bonnie, Chandra, Approved

Approval of 2019 Agenda: Katie, Jan, Approved

Chairperson's Report- Leslie highlighted the success of the March conference on ASD, which was well attended even though we lost \$6000 on it. We hosted 2 Circle of Security trainings, we are exploring covering parenting issues through producing our own podcasts with local experts and also having our brochures in public libraries in Winnipeg. See full report in Annual Report.

Financial Report- Jan showed the Network has had a net income of \$515 in this fiscal year, with income of \$69,153 and expenses of \$68,638. Motion to approve the financial report by Bonnie and Dawn, Approved.

Social Media/website- Katie mentioned there are now 800 Facebook followers and nearly 150 on Instagram. We aim to put out eblasts quarterly. Our website is under construction right now as we look to align content differently.

Sales- we continue to sell our DVDS both in streaming and in actual format; brochure sales have dropped.

Roundtable discussions- ideas to have perhaps 1 Network meeting in an evening in the hopes of attracting parents as well as professionals. Jane's new role representing Jordan's Principle would be a wonderful topic at a Network meeting as well. Sara Tennant is offering schools a trauma informed model and she is available to speak on a Friday too. Sayma wants to see more focus on prevention, perinatal services and services for parents who adopt older children.

Speakers:

Mia Elfenbaum of Science of Early Child Development- Mia shared the on line access to consistently updated materials on child development in 5 formats: North American edition, introductory edition, child development primer, a French version and the prenatal development module. These are primarily aimed at professionals to be resources to upgrade information or to use in programming; and are free accessible to all Manitobans. They also contain over 1000 video clips.

Shannon Ross, social worker St. James School Division, spoke about the challenges children face in schools when they have experienced trauma outside the school. She noted how the teachers are facing constrictions as they cannot always teach when a child's brain is full of worry or fear, or the child's behaviours are getting in the way. She talked about efforts to bring mindfulness strategies into classrooms and create steady and safe relationships for children with adults in the schools.