

BASP Meeting Notes

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In Attendance Kimberly Van Epps (*intern*) CAO & Kelly Gross (*intern*) NAO, Meleca Brown NAO, Jackie Bell (*community service*) CAO, Eminette Pardo (*secretary*) CAO, Dawn Sclafani (*vice president*) CAO, Kurt Wasser (*president*) SAO, Melanie Levine (*website*) NAO, Coleen Claffey (*membership/CEU's*) NAO, Caroline Hejjia (*inservice*) KCW, Nicole Campanella (*school psych week*) CAO, Lisa Spencer (*treasurer*) SAO, Danielle Stock (*community service chair*) SAO

Introductions

District meeting went well, including breakfast provided by BASP

Back-to-school drive, deliveries done last week by each area representative; Danielle Stock thanked community service committee for donations to Sunset School, got a lot more backpacks than usually get & they were stuffed with goodies

Membership: 96 members (including 4 non-paid from on-line membership form); need to make sure members' home email addresses are correct on system

Coleen sent committee chairs a list of members who volunteered to serve on their respective committees, chairs to email/touch base with volunteers, keep track of members who are serving on committee, looking for active involvement & frequent communication

Treasury: \$1,888.47..... have to pay \$500 for CEU license, put to a vote, APPROVED; started school year with \$600, donated a lot of money last year, dues used for donations and for lowering price for member participation in events

Community Relations: committee may have more volunteers than needed; keep track of attendees to events; email list of upcoming events to members & ask members to sign up for one; want to know how to make members more active due to limited events: Children's Home Society, Walk/Run; last year participated in new event—Special Olympics; possibly brainstorm ideas

and open communication to receive suggestions from members regarding other events to participate in (e.g., social work related events, autism)

Community Relations: FASP- Broward in competition with other counties in Florida for FASP teddy bear drive; Oct 1st start date for teddy bear collection, FASP is 10/28-31... set up area in each area office with box and flyer, bears to be used by firefighters who go out on crises; Broward usually does very well with collections; in past have donated left-overs to other sites (e.g., Broward Children's Hospital); can even solicit cooperation of school principals for collection site in teacher's lounge

School Psychology Week is November 9th – 13th (National S.P. week); Nicole to get in touch with Monica Allen & Jennilee Abolafia who chaired committee last year; letter to go out; NASP has posters, handouts, and books; in past, Kurt provided his member # to obtain these; make sure that during that week, the information gets out to psychologists

Social Committee: Tracy Malondro & Jennilee Abolafia are co-chairs; want to have winter luncheon Dec 11th @ Galuppi's in Pompano Beach from noon to 3pm; if people want to hang out afterwards, can move to bar area; menu includes grilled mahi, grilled sirloin, grilled chicken with mango salsa, pasta primavera, vegan pasta primavera, house salad, dessert, and drink for \$25 non-BASP \$20 BASP; decorations & theme not determined as yet; have started end-of-year luncheon negotiations; melting pot for \$25 is a possibility; Benihana? The Field Irish Pub? Gatsby's? Dave & Busters?

In-service Committee: Oct 23rd is the first possible date for in-service; HRD is in process of approving

NASP: Communique Sept issue included article about RTI & SLD eligibility decisions; Bambi Lockman Florida Bureau of Exceptional Student Education has stated why discrepancy model should continue to be implemented until RTI fully implemented; NASP agreed with 2007 FDOE position, but this is not where FDOE is today; BASP members contributed to a written response to the article

South Florida Consortium, coordinators from 4 counties— group that meets @ Nova with university dept heads, 1st meeting will be held at end of this month, focusing on RTI and sharing of information

Possibly find or create an online forum promoting discussion among school psychologists in different states and in different counties; possibly on BASP website with password access

Administration at schools asking for district support in terms of providing direction re RTI.

Intern asked for meeting to be scheduled later since she comes from a middle school. Can be taken into account on a month-by-month basis, but most members preferred the earlier start time.

Next Meeting scheduled for Oct 23rd during lunch @ Inservice

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