

## **Meeting Minutes May 2, 2014**

### **Present:**

President Jody Christopherson

Past President Jessica Bigelow

President Elect Bryant Bitner

Treasurer Mary Peterson

Secretary Nancy Luse

Delegates Alexia Johnson

Kristi Hack

College Student Stephen Olsen

### **Absent:**

Directors at Large

Julie Walker

Tiffany Handley

President Jody Christopherson called the meeting to order.

### **Reports:**

The past minutes were approved by the board no corrections or changes.

### **Treasurer:**

Scholarship fund \$2812.96

Checking account \$4836.35

Mary gave all a report that broke down the revenue and expenses the past 3 years for hosting a conference and the dollar amount that we had left from not having a conference last year. The ongoing expenses to send Delegates and President Elect to their conferences. Mary stated that the AARC does help with some of these expenses but not that much.

### **Secretary:**

Working on getting contract with the college to be able to host the conference this year, waiting on a call back from Sandy Hanify whom is the person who books the venues. Will wait until latter part of June to send out letter requesting donations.

### **Old Business:**

Kristi gave info on the support programs such as the fellowship and the disaster relief program. They are looking for donation of any amount they don't care any money would be beneficial to these programs. We also discussed possibly putting a donation box at the sign up table at the conference.

Kristi also gave us information on the student mentor program. The application is through the AARC. There were 24 students from around the world and 5 of the 24 were covered by the AARC 100% based on their applications. This would be a good way for students to become involved with the AARC and their profession.

Discussion in regards to the scholarships were discussed. Do we keep the \$ amount for both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students or do we increase the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and decrease the 1<sup>st</sup> year? Rather than just an application we discussed having them write essays and present them at the conference during our business lunch. The top 2 in each class do a 15 min presentation and will be voted on.

### **New Business:**

There was discussion on whether to send 2 Delegates to the summer conference that will be held in San Marco Florida. It was decided to send both and we will readdress for the winter conference. Have we received any funding from the AARC for the delegates? No word as of yet.

Open Board positions for the next year are; Treasurer, Vice President, Delegate 2 Directors at Large and President Elect. We need to push for candidates for these positions. Also there has been a big push for increasing membership with the AARC currently as of March 2014 we have 314 therapists in the state and only 123 are AARC members. Ballots to be out by mid-June according to Julie.

Bryant will be going to Dallas for the President Conference to learn what Presidents do.

Discussion on where the conference will be held. Nancy is working with the College on the venue reservation.

Jenn will work on trying to get the Attic in the top of the Wonder Bar for the Sputum Bowl and if we can hold it there then we will see if they will let us also book a block of rooms and see if they will provide shuttle service for the hotel as well. Nancy passed all the hotel reservation information to Jenn from the Parkway Plaza. Mary will contact Mike McDonald to host the Sputum Bowl.

Depending on where the conference will be held we will need a volunteer for arranging the food for the conference. Nancy and Alexia will check in to this if the college is the place we will be having the conference.

Mary to check to see if the vendors will fund one of the breaks

Fund raising ideas? Any ideas about a big ticket item? Discussion about a weekend in Deadwood. Once again each board member will be responsible for bring 2 door prizes to the conference.

Jody gave everyone a tentative schedule for the speakers and times.

Next meeting will be held August 1, 2014 in Douglas at the La Bonte hotel at 1200 PM.