

Minutes of the The Board of the Society of the Postdoctoral Program in
Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis: Monday, December 9th, 2013

Present were Chris Bayer, Harriet Kaley, Judith Lobel, Helen Silverman, Ella Lasky.

The coming cocktail party was discussed. The date has been fixed on March 14th, 2014; it will likely be held at the Harmonie Club, though others venues have been suggested. We will try to introduce a new format to the party, including square-dance and possibly klezmer music. Ella will write to Barry Cohen to ask about the square-dance caller whom he had previously contacted for the Postdoc Weekend, or whether it would be preferable to hire a DJ who could also call square-dances. Chris and Helen will research DJs independently on the internet.

We will be having George Jones send out notices for mini-courses; he will also be updating the Postdoc Board YahooGroup email. George will be asked to send out more emails reminding the community of the availability the Scholars Grants. The four grantees of 2012 were Julia Beltsiou, Ella Lasky, Helen Levine, Sophia Richman.

Helen provided us with a breakdown of the Society's assets. A decision was made to look into consolidating our holdings with Morgan Stanley, Bank of America and Fidelity. Chris felt that these investments should be analyzed by a financial coordinator; he also suggested that we offer a mini-course in finance to Postdoc members, and offered to lead such a course. Should we, Helen asked, have as much money as we do? Should we distribute some of it in gifts or scholarships? NYU will match any gifts or scholarships that we give, but only for candidate tuition. Harriet made the point, however, that monies from the Society should be given only to graduates ^{of the program}, since ours is a graduate society and these monies are collected from graduates. We could also increase the dollar-amount of the Scholars Grants, or their number. Currently they are \$1,000; we could increase them to \$2,000.

We are going to explore further connections with NYU, and the legality of said connections.

Harriet said that the LGBT group will resubmit their application for the Scholars Grant.

Chris handed all present printouts illustrating the new website. Harriet suggested that the new website include photographs of the course instructors. Chris said that he would cross-reference the new website and the referral service directory.

Harriet asked whether the mini-courses should offer continuing education (CE) credits, since having CE credits will often lower the cost of malpractice insurance.

The next two meetings will be held on Monday, January 13th, 2014 and Monday, March 3rd, 2014.

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