

Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2010

Present:

Helen, Acting President, Treasurer
Sharon Brennan, Corresponding Secretary
Maureen O'Reilly-Landry, Recording Secretary
Janice Bennett
Roanne Barnett
David Beyda
Harriett Kaley
Michael Stern
Rhonda Sternberg

Absent:

BJ Cling, Vice President
Ella Lasky
Bob Prince
Eileen Setzman

I. Call to order

Helen called the meeting to order.

II. Cocktail Party Committee Helen reported

The invitations are done and a printer has been obtained for a good price.

III. Memorial Listing--Helen reported

The listing in the Directory of people who have died has been done. This effort was successful as a result of work done by Board members Roanne, ??????? There were a great many responses from the Postdoc Community. Lew was very helpful, as well as publicly appreciative.

IV. Treasurer's Report--Helen reported.

Only \$20,000 in dues have been collected so far. A second letter will be sent to remind people and will be accompanied by a description of all that the Society is doing.

V. Scholar's Grant Committee

There is a need for people to be on this committee. The job of the committee would be to read the submissions, decide who will be awarded a grant and who will not and then notify the scholars of the outcome. The committee might also ask the applicant for more information if the members feel that will help them make a decision. It is important that the recipients give credit to the Society whenever their project is published or presented. It was suggested that the entire Board could comprise the committee and time during one of the meetings could be set aside for discussion and decisions would be made by vote. There was a discussion of whether to have \$1500 as the minimum grant amount or to have a lesser amount awarded to more people. Most people seemed

to be in favor of keeping with the higher amount in order to make it something people would feel is worthwhile to apply for and to keep it competitive and more valued.

It was decided that Board members would receive a redacted copy of the proposals and then there would be discussion and voting at the next Board meeting.

VI. Upcoming meeting with Lew--Helen reported.

Lew has asked to meet for dinner with some Society Board members in order to discuss the relationship between Postdoc and us. Besides Helen, Maureen and Rhonda ????? offered to attend the meeting. There was a discussion of what we would want to say to/ask of Lew. There was the general feeling that the Board would want the Society to have more representation at Postdoc--on various committees and activities. Also, to organize a brunch at which recipients of a Scholar's Grant. No date has yet been set, but Helen will look into this.

VII. Function, goals and mission of the Graduate Psychoanalytic Society

There was a discussion of the function of the Society, both in terms of past accomplishments as well as what we might want the Society to do in the future.

There was a strong feeling that we would like to provide some ongoing services for the graduates and to do as much for them as possible. At Postdoc, the focus is on the benefit of the faculty and candidates. For example they offer courses for the graduates to take, but it is usually at a considerable fee.

One possibility is to offer and fund courses taught by Society members, which would be open to other dues-paying Society members either free of charge or for a minimal fee. There are many graduates of our program who are quite accomplished and have particular areas of expertise, but have not followed the academic path to become Postdoc faculty. They would be excellent resources and could give mini-courses for graduate Society members, but for much less money than what faculty requires for the ones they give.

Peer study groups and peer supervision groups could be arranged based on people's interests and needs.

In addition, there could be a (non psychoanalytic) book group and film group open only to Society members.

It was suggested that a survey could be taken to find out what motivated people to join the Society and what they might like it to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen O'Reilly-Landry