

Psychoanalytic Society Board Minutes

October 12, 2010

Attended:

Helen Silverman, Acting President; Treasurer
Sharon Brennan, Corresponding Secretary
Maureen O'Reilly-Landry, Recording Secretary
Roanne Barnett
David Beyda
Harriette Kaley
Ella Lasky
Bob Prince
Michael Stern
Rhonda Sternberg

Absent:

BJ Cling, Vice President
Janice Bennett

I. Call to order

Helen called the meeting to order

II. Scholar's Grant Tea- Ella Lasky and Sharon Brennan, organizers.

The 2009 Scholar's Grant recipients--Nina Thomas, Limor Kaufman and Maureen O'Reilly-Landry presented their work at a Salon and High Tea event at Barbara Waxenberg's on October 10, 2010. Previous winners, as well as 2010 recipients, as well as Pat Vitacco, the originator of the program, received individual invitations. Attendance was good, particularly considering it was held on Columbus Day weekend. By all accounts, the event went very well.

III. Scholar's Grant Committee--Maureen reported

Maureen will be taking over as Head of this committee. She will put out call for committee members. Helen will check into the forms. Or committee can just say what is needed. Timing of applications and decisions needs to be coordinated so the announcements can be made at the Cocktail Party in March. A deadline of January 15, 2011 was decided on. Discussion took place regarding who would be involved in the decision-making--how much input should the Board have if committee members do the work. It was suggested that the committee would choose the recipients and then submitted to the Board for approval, in the event that any proposals might be considered controversial.

A suggestion was made to make a "book" via Apple, which would contain names of recipients and brief descriptions of their projects. This was thought to be a good idea. No decision was made regarding who would do this.

It was mentioned how important it is to emphasize that each recipient is responsible for crediting the Society in all public manifestations of the project and that the applicants must tell how the money will be spent.

IV. International Conference-Michael reported

The Joint International Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland this past August received very positive feedback and was considered a very big success. However, the event usually pays for itself, but this time it lost \$1000. This was regarded as within acceptable limits.

V. Memorial Committee

No one is on the committee now. Bob will get the names of people who have died to be included in the next directory.

VI. Cocktail Party Helen reported

It was discussed that it would be nice to have it before Daylight Savings time goes into effect. Helen will contact Janice and Sharon to begin working on deciding on the date.

VII. A New Event

Discussion of having another social event before the cocktail party--possibly in mid-January.

VIII. Kalinkowitz Memorial Lecture-Maureen reported

This event was held on October 2, 2010 and was sponsored jointly by the Society and Postdoc. Maureen worked with Spyros to plan it. Malcolm Slavin gave a paper relating the story of Scheherzade and psychoanalysis. Most people considered it to be a very compelling talk, although some thought it could have had a more psychoanalytic focus. The audience discussion, however, did bring up many issues pertinent to psychoanalysis. A video of Bernie made by former Clinical NYU students was shown at the beginning of the event. It was considered to be well attended, especially given that there was a great deal of competition of psychoanalytic events that weekend.

IX. Agenda addition

Harriette requested an addition to the agenda--Discussion of Div 39 bylaw change. She had brought it to Lew's attention. The board of Div 39 put out a proposal to change