

WYOTA Monthly Meeting
10/12/2017

Meeting called to order at: 7:33PM
Dial in Number: 605-475-4000
Code: 638669#

I. Roll Call

- a. Board Members Present: Jacquelin Poole, Phylicia Lipes, Shellie Szymd, Jessica McWilliams, Colton Jorgensen
- b. Board Members Not Present: Leigh Ann Yerkovich, Rachel Fritzler, Theresa Robinett
- c. Additional Participants: None

II. Treasurer Report

Checking	\$ 10,329.85
Savings	\$ 15,667.83
Total	\$ 25,997.68

- a. Everything except Rachel and Phylicia has been paid for the conference.
- b. Need to still pay AMBI for printing.
- c. We paid out of pocket \$1666.28 for the Conference.
- d. Income was \$18,090
- e. Actual expenses \$19,766
- f. We still have 3 POs that are out and waiting to be paid on from the conference.

III. Secretary Update

- a. The flat rate for the website is \$149 a month if we go through Town Square Interactive. Would like to look at a few different places as well for price comparison. Phylicia look at Adbay and Shellie is looking at Wix.
- b. Colton voices that the earlier that the scholarship application is sent out the better. **Will send out Scholarship Applications November 1st.**
- c. CC has club meeting on Mondays at 12PM. We can present then. **Jacque and Phylicia will go meet with CC program the 23rd of October.**
- d. **If we do not receive quality essays this year, we will omit sending students.**

IV. RA Update

- a. None

V. Student Update

- a. Collaborated with UND students on Peabody assessment.
- b. Just did midterms.
- c. Did fundraiser at the event center for the WWE.
- d. Donating to a family in Gillette who was involved in the Las Vegas shooting.
- e. Have been discussing AOTA as a club to discuss who is going
- f. WATR will be receiving new equipment next week for the WATR lab.

VI. Legislative Update

- a. Met with mentor and went with Shellie to 2 of the 3 meetings.
- b. First meeting with Elizabeth with Senator Enzi.
- c. Then met with Senator Barrasso, covered AOTA issues and WY issues.
- d. He seemed receptive and Shellie asked him about the Graham-Cassidy bill and he was in favor of it because they felt with the state having more control over

the money, Wyoming is more fiscally responsible, and they felt WY always received the shaft on funding.

- e. Then met with Liz Cheney, wasn't very up to date on health issues, but did have person there that helped navigate conversation. Spent a lot of time on WY issues and how healthcare insurances affect different populations.
- f. Has meeting scheduled with Eric Barlow and he is a Rep in Gillette and Chair of Wyoming Health Committee, so Shellie will be making connection with him. Asked him about making changes for Kid Chip coverage and for autism diagnosis as well. Will also bring up inefficiency with Medicaid and making policy changes without follow through. Will be asking about who is the main contact for looking at changes.
- g. Spoke with Autism speaks and will be working on laws for this as well.

VII. Old Business

- a. Liked the simplicity of the pediatric course, and the speaker.
- b. People were receptive to hotel location and better food.
- c. Many compliments on the physical dysfunction speaker as well.
- d. Will be sending out survey, asking about third course for a different track in our profession to serve in future conferences.
- e. Will be pushing for a speaker contract as well for next year.
- f. Did have suggestions at looking at having conference earlier.
- g. Will be sending out save the dates in March and registrations in April.

VIII. New Business

- a. Received two contracts back. Wolcott, 3 years at \$9,000. 1 year at \$10,000.
- b. Three rooms, catering from Eggington's for breakfast and lunch. Discounted rates at hotels, free parking on the weekends. Has shuttle service for Hilton and Hampton.
- c. Ramkota was 2-3 rooms 90 occupancy with classroom style seating. \$75 per conference room. Catering minimum of \$1500 for the weekend. Room rates were \$78-84. Every 10 rooms booked one room free. **Shellie makes motion to do Ramkota. All in Favor.**
- d. Looking at John Wilson for Stroke Rehab course. He can cater to outpatient, acute rehab, and SNF therapist populations.
- e. Jess contacted speakers for Zones of Regulation for one day and Brain Gym the second day. Deals with flex brain and emotional regulation.
- f. Also had talked about Carol Kranowitz for a speaker as well.
- g. Many people asked about vision but we hosted a vision course in 2014. Shellie voices content from this course wasn't very useful to instill in therapy practice.
- h. Can look at integrated listening systems, therapeutic listening, etc. Do have to buy equipment for these courses.
- i. Possible third track idea for business operations, but this may be more of a roundtable topic for next year.
- j. Jacque will reach out to John Wilson to ask about speaking fees, travelling expenses, and per diem.
- k. Will continue to do roundtables for next year's conference due to success with them this year.
- l. Will go over survey, speakers, conference planning, OTR AOTA scholarship and budget planning next year.

Motion to adjourn meeting by 9:02PM.