

WTRS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

10:30 A.M.

WPRA Office, Greendale, WI

All members and visitors are welcome to come and participate in our meetings.

- I. Call to order and introductions
2008 WTRS Board Members
Past Chair – Kristin Ruprecht, Central Wisconsin Center
Chair – Erin Winch, LakeView RecPlex
Secretary/Treasurer – Jennifer Fahey, Mendota Mental Health Institute
Also in attendance: Stave Thompson, Juliene Hefter and Laura Mooney
- II. Acceptance of excused absences and proxies: Connie Geisthardt
- III. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Membership directories will be out soon.
 - b. The IMPACT magazine will be out early this quarter.
 - c. Please view the networking page on the WPRA website. All you have to do is register as a member and then you can use the site. The networking page is current as of the membership directory.
 - d. Check out the resources on the WPRA website. There are sample job descriptions and sample interview tips.
- IV. Approval of minutes (January 16)-Approved
- V. Treasurer's Report – Jen Fahey, Mendota Mental Health: No Change
- VI. Conference Committee Report: See Old/New Business
- VII. Chairperson's Report – Erin Winch, LakeView RecPlex
- VIII. Past Chairperson's Report – Kristin Ruprecht, CWC: WTRS was approved for grant money for the Spring workshop (March 13), \$500.00
- IX. Region Reports
- X. Old Business/New Business
 - A. Spring Conference – March 13th, Chula Vista at Wisconsin Dells

Registration is on-going and can be done online at WPRA site. WTRS is splitting the event with Rec and will be hosting a morning session and co-hosting an afternoon session. Please see website for more details. 52 people have registered as this time (2/20).

- B. WPRA Conference – Speaker contracts are due by March 1. Contracts should be submitted on-line through the website. Any speaker ideas can be submitted to any board member for follow up.
 - a. The board is looking at Tracy Crawford as a possible speaker. Possible topics are; Conflict Resolution, Inclusion and how to educate staff on the topic, Road blocks.
 - b. Sue Myllykangas- possible speaker on TR and gerontology and general gerontology. We can possibly share the costs of this speaker with the Rec Section.
 - c. David Voss- Disability in a box resource. Kristin has left a message with him but has not heard back yet. She will follow-up.
 - d. Jennifer Edge- Art, play, drama and storytelling modalities. Kristin has made contacts and will continue to work with her.
 - e. Community Care- Providers, billing, therapy in the community, how to keep clients in their homes (adults with disabilities). Erin has been in contact with them.
 - f. NASA- Assessable piers. They are willing to present and possibly be an exhibitor. Erin will follow-up
 - g. Center for Creative Play- Erin's contact
 - h. The WTRS meeting during the conference will be on Thursday at 5:15-6:00 P.M.

- C. Scholarships are still available for upcoming workshops. See the website for more details or for an application. Deadline is March 1st.

- D. Fundraising ideas?

- E. Legislative support for the TR bill – letters sent on behalf of WTRS by WPRA and Joe McLafferty. This important piece of legislation would make TR services billable. Contact your local legislator in support. This will be discussed nationally at NRPA.

- F. Next meeting will be March 12th at 10:30 A.M. at the Greendale office.

XI. Adjournment: 11:45 A.M.