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October 2006 meeting minutes are as follows:

Paula Shockey, Education Officer called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and accepted. She reports the spring conference planning is underway for the new location American Airline Center 4501 Hwy 360 in Fort Worth on APRIL 12-14, 2007. Papers are beginning to be submitted for speakers and there are slots for others. Do you have a presentation that is special to you and others might enjoy it? Please send it to Paula Shockey or Robert Miles. There are many areas if interest available to choose from (examples: treatment issues for the addicted person or the family members).

Paul Sivernell has done an excellent job with our TAAP website. Check the website for current information of interest including job openings, training, and other news. The website address is: WWW.TAAPFW.org.

Special guests included: Roxanne DePew: Grapevine Valleyhope, Randy Martin: Millwood Hospital/Pride Institute, Cindy Royster: Summer Sky

Speaker Carl Hogness LCDC presented a one hour presentation entitled: "Ice, Porno, and the Brain". Twenty four (24) certificates were issued.

The next scheduled meeting will be November 15th, at Tarrant Council beginning at 11:30am (business meeting) and training at 12pm -1pm. Be sure and call Robert Miles for sandwich request at 817 265-4122 by Tuesday, November 14th.

Meeting adjourned 1:05

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Cannon, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fine Line Exhibit at the Fort Worth Science and History Museum (1501 Montgomery Street) is about completed – less than three weeks left to view this wonderful cutting edge event.

On November 2, 2006, Thursday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, TAAP presented Therapeutic Thursday as a part of the Fine Exhibit event on Mental Illness-Dual Diagnosis and Substance Abuse. I was again assisted by several people: Lisa Haram-Atkinson, who gave a great presentation from her case studies on this issue; Alice Chandler spoke to the issue from her experiences with MHMR clients; Susan Arlington and Shelley Koslan-Joiner of the Mom and Baby Program at JPS Hospital gave wonderful input; and Judy Cannon was very powerful with the hand outs. The comments and evaluations received were very positive.

We as a group are so wonderful blessed by counselors who are so willing to give back to the community. Thanks to both groups who gave the people of Tarrant County useful and clear information on the October 5th and November 2nd Therapeutic Thursday events. Ms Patsy Thomas Executive Director of the Mental Health Connection, said she was very impressed by all the professionalism and dedication of the presenters.

Legislative Advocacy Day in Austin is scheduled for February 21, 2007. Go to the Texas Association of Addiction Professionals web page www.taap.org to get all the details. A lot of work has gone into preparing for the Advocacy Day. The Texas Association of Addiction Professionals, the Association of Substance Abuse Providers, and the Prevention Coalition Summit are sponsoring this event.

As of Saturday night, I will have been privileged to have given my "Legislative Advocacy – Texas Style" presentation to these chapters: Waco, December 2005, Dallas, January 2005; Fort Worth, February 2006; the Texas Association of Addiction Professionals State Conference in Corpus Christi, June 2006; San Antonio, September 2006; Houston – Spectrum, September 2006; Austin, October 2006; and The Valley Chapter – Harlingen – Brownsville – McAllen, November 2006. I will then be presenting an updated (specific to the new 80th Texas Legislative Session issues) "Legislative Advocacy – Texas Style" presentation in the following locations: Waco, December 2006; Dallas, January 2007; NOVA, January 2007; Fort Worth, February 2007; and the Lubbock Addiction Conference at Texas Tech in March of 2007.

Everywhere I go, people are excited to hear and see that the number one goal of the Texas Association of Addiction Professional is legislative advocacy in Austin and Washington D.C. The Texas Association of Addiction Professionals is a very hard-hitting legislative group. This work is funded by the state TAAP office funds. My area captains and I just supply the time and effort. I have been blessed with gaining very dedicated go-to Captains in all these chapters.

As a result of these presentations and through the assistance of my area captains, we have been able not only to educate local chapters around Texas, but have also gained 62 new members for TAAP. We have added about 155 legislative advocates to our list, although not all of these advocates have as yet joined TAAP. Before the 80th Texas Legislature meets in January 2007, our goal is to have a total of 100 new members.

The Metamorphosis Committee is about ready to announce the Keynote Speaker for our 20th Annual Metamorphosis Conference. Metamorphosis 2007 will be at the American Airlines Training Conference (near the intersection of Highway 360 and Highway 183) on April 12, 13, and 14, 2007. For the first time the conference will feature prevention track (15 hours) and an extended criminal justice track. Please check our chapter web-site www.taapfw.org for registration information.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual lasagna, salad, and bread sticks Fort Worth Chapter holiday feed on December 13, 2006 at the Tarrant Council on Alcohol and Drugs (now the Resource Recovery Council) location.

If you want a Subway sandwich for lunch at the November 15, 2006 meeting, please call me before 4:30 pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 817-265-4122.

Thanks for all your support,

Robert Miles, M.A. – Counseling, AAC, ADC, LCDC, CCGC, CPS

President

CEU Opportunities

Nov 15th "Boundaries as a Pathway to Intimacy" by Judy Cannon LPC, ICCAC

Dec 13th Party Time

Jan 24th Prevention Specialist – Julie Stevens

Job openings:

2 LCDC positions are available: Tarrant Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse – Contact number 817-332-6329

Gateway Foundation is seeking counselor interns and LCDC's: contact Kemberlee Henderson, 4176 FM 1800, Breckenridge, TX 76424 or visit their website at www.gatewayfoundation.org.